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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JAMSHEDJI EDULJI SAKLATWALA of Bombay Parsi Inhabitant has contracted to sell to me the undersigned the properties described in the schedule hereunder written.

All persons having any right, title or interest in or to the said properties or any part thereof whether by way of sale, mottgage, gift, lease, lien, trust, possession, inheritance or otherwise howsoever should make the same known in writing to the undersigned at his office at No. 65, Esplanade Road, within the Fort of Bombay or to the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes Bombay within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and such claim (if any) shall be deemed to have been waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

All those three pieces or parcels of Government land or ground of foras tenure situate lying and being at Dharavi in the City and Registration Sub-District of Bombay containing by admeasurement 4,170 square yards or thereabouts entered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old Nos. 99, 99, 99, New No. 12924 and New Survey Nos. (a) 1/370, (b) 4/370 and (c) 2A/332 and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under G. Ward Nos. 6661 6664 and 6725 and Street Nos. 550, 553 and 614 respectively of which the piece (a) bearing New Survey No. 1/370 is bounded on the East by the property of B. H. Warden on the West by the Old Branch G. I. P. Railway and on the South partly by the property of B. H. Warden and partly by the property of R. D. Cooper; the piece (b) bearing New Survey No. 4/370 is bounded on the East by New Survey No. 3/370, on the West by New Survey No. 2/370, on the North by New Survey No. 6/370 and on the South by New Survey No. 4A/370; the piece (c) bearing New Survey No. 2A/332 is bounded on the East, North and South by the properties of T. N. Lubbay and on the West partly by the property of Peerbhoy Damji and partly by the plot bearing New Survey No. 2/332.

Bombay dated this 23rd December, 1916.

AHMEDBHOY ABDEENBHOY PEERBHOY,
6446 Purchaser Abovenamed.

BOMBAY BARODA & CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY COMPANY.

(Incorporated in England by Special Act of Parliament.)

NOTICE.

WITH effect from the 1st February, 1917, the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway will introduce a revised and restricted service of through passenger trains of which detailed particulars will be published in the Time Tables and at stations. The issue of cheap week-end return tickets will cease from the 1st January 1917, and certain other concessions, which will be separately notified, will be discontinued from 1st February.

The above mentioned restrictions are being introduced at the request of the Government of India to meet the stringent conditions created by the War in respect of coal, rolling stock, and permanent way material.

The Railway Administration trusts that the travelling public will confine their travelling to journeys of absolute necessity, and will accept without complaint any small inconveniences which the restricted and slower service of trains may entail.

No changes will be made in the Local and Suburban services.

R. WOOLLCOMBE,
Agent, B. B. & C. I. Railway,
6372 Bombay.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WE HEREBY NOTIFY that our office will be REMOVED on 25th December, 1916, to the Mercantile Bank Buildings, (52 and 54 Esplanade Road), First Floor.

WELD & CO.
Bombay, 21st December, 1916. 6407

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

ADVERTISERS are requested to note that the management cannot guarantee to insert advertisements in the "Bombay Chronicle" unless the copies reach this office before 6-0 p.m., (S.T.)

MANAGING DIRECTOR,
"Bombay Chronicle."

Bombay, 30th August, 1916.

NOTICE.

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IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed Agents of the above Company and that the Company's Office has been opened this day at No. 187 Hornby Row, Fort.

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Bombay, 12th December, 1916.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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X'MAS EVE & NEW YEAR'S EVE.

By kind permission of his Excellency, The Governor's Band will play a selected programme of music, under the direction of Mr. E. A. Barratt, on X'mas EVE & NEW YEAR'S EVE from 8 p.m. to midnight on Green's Roof Garden Restaurant where SPECIAL DINNERS will be served at Rs. 6 per head on both nights.

The "TAJ MAHAL" ORCHESTRA will play a selected programme of Music on the Ground floor of Green's Restaurant from 7 p.m., to midnight on both nights.

A LA CARTE SERVICE WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE ON THE GROUND FLOOR RESTAURANT, AS WELL AS ON THE FIRST FLOOR RESTAURANT.

SPECIAL DINNERS will be served at the reduced rate of Rs. 5 per head on the first floor Restaurant.

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Dinners will also be served at Rs. 5 per head at the TAJ MAHAL RESTAURANT on both the nights where both the Bands can be heard.

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The "TAJ MAHAL" ORCHESTRA during and after dinner on X'mas Day and New year's DAY.

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TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT CUSTOMERS ARE REQUESTED TO BOOK TABLES EARLY.

ORDERS can be booked either at the Taj Mahal or Green's Restaurant.

CHAS. STENGLER,
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Taj Mahal Hotel and Green's Restaurant. 6330

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WITHDRAWAL OF CONCESSIONS.

WITH EFFECT from the 1st January, 1917, the following concessions will be suspended:—

(1) The issue of Week-end return tickets at reduced fares as notified in para 54, pages 99 to 103 of the G. I. P. Railway Coaching Guide No. 192 (December, 1916.)

(2) The reservation of a first class compartment for 3 fares, and of a second class compartment for 4 fares between Bombay and certain stations as shown in Statement (a) appearing between pages 128 and 129 of the G. I. P. Railway Coaching Guide No. 192 (December 1916.)

(3) The reservation of first class compartments for 3 fares and of second class compartments for 4 fares, between Bombay and certain junction stations and via as shown in Statement (B) appearing between pages 128 and 129 of the G. I. P. Ry. Coaching Guide No. 192 (December 1916).

(4) Concessions—Statement (A). G. I. P. Ry. Coaching Guide No. 192 (December 1916).

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Concessions—Statement (B). G. I. P. Ry. Coaching Guide No. 192 (December, 1916).

Page.	Para.	Item.	Particulars.
167	123	1	Professional entertainment Companies.
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170	123	6	Horses and Ponies for racing purposes.
174	123	12	Members of Masonic & Good Templars Lodges
175	123	16	Conductors of any Tourist Agency.
175	123	17	Members of the Mining & Geological Institute of India attending meetings of the Institute.

(5) The charge for reservation of a third class carriage (four-wheeler) or a compartment—vide page 128, Statements (A & B) G. I. P. Railway Coaching Guide No. 192 (December 1916). The charge in future will be according to the seating capacity marked on the vehicle.

A. C. RUMBOLL,
General Traffic Manager.
Bombay, 21st December, 1916. 2623

BANK OF BOMBAY.

THE BANK will be CLOSED on MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 25th and 26th instant, those days being Public Holidays (Christmas) under the Negotiable Instruments Act 1881.

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Bombay, 18th December, 1916. 6373

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NOTICE.

WITH reference to the Notification regarding the curtailment of Train services, the Public are advised that the following Concessions will be suspended from the 1st January 1917:—

1. Week end tickets
2. Dakore Fair Return Tickets.
3. Professional Entertainment Companies, including Horses and Animals of Circus Troupes.
4. Cricket, Foot ball and Hockey teams.
5. Polo teams, Hunting and Pigsticking parties.
6. Horses and Ponies for racing purposes.
7. Members of Masonic and Good Templars lodges.
8. Conductors or Tourist parties.
9. Members of the Mining and Geological Institute of India attending Meetings of the Institute.
10. Reservation of a 1st class compartment for 3 fares between Bombay and Delhi, Agra, Muttra, Bhatinda and via and of a 2nd class five berth compartment for 4 fares between Bombay and Delhi.
11. Parties of Cultivators visiting Government Farms in the Bombay Presidency.
12. Special reduced fare return tickets between certain stations notified at page 17 items (d) to (e) of the Company's Coaching Tariff.

R. WOOLLCOMBE,
Agent,
B. B. & C. I. Railway.
Bombay, 20th December, 1916. 6413

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sir JUGMOHANDAS VURJIWANDAS, Knight, has contracted to sell to the purchaser who is our client the undermentioned property.

All persons having any claim or interest thereto or therein or in or to any part thereof, either by way of gift inheritance, mortgage, charge, lease lien, trust or otherwise howsoever, are required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at No. 65, Esplanade Road Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof failing which the said sale will be completed without reference to any such claim or interest and the same if any will be treated as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground formerly of Pension and Tax Tenure but subsequently redeemed and now of Freehold Tenure together with the messuages, bungalows and dwelling house and other buildings standing thereon called and known by the name of "The Westfield" situate lying and being at Cumballa Hill without the Fort and in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay fronting the Mahaluxmi or Warden Road on the East side thereof containing by admeasurement ten thousand square yards or thereabouts registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's New Nos. 455 and B/455, New Survey Nos 7/7131 1/7133 and 7133 and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward, Ward No. 3513 (2) and Street No. 35 and bounded as follows that is to say on or towards the North by the private common passage leading from Warden Road to Somerset House belonging to the late Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tyabji, on or towards the South by the remaining portion of the Westfield the property of Tribhowandas Vurjiwandas, on or towards the East by the said private common passage leading to the said Somerset House and on or towards the West by the said Mahaluxmi or Warden Road.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1916.

EDGELOW GULABCHAND
WADIA & CO.,
6449 Solicitors, High Court.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

GEORGE V. by the Grace of God of the UNITED KINGDOM of GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and credits of Bai VELLABAI, grand daughter of ANANDJI MOWJI and wife of HARIDAS CURSONDAS, an adjudged lunatic for the use and benefit of the said lunatic limited during his lunacy .....Deceased.

CURSONDAS DHARAMSEY SOONDERDAS, of Bombay Bhatia Hindu Inhabitant, a Mill Owner, and landed proprietor, residing at Vithalwady, without the Fort of Bombay, the sole Manager appointed by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay of the estate of the above lunatic Haridas Cursondas .....Petitioner.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Witness Sir BASIL SCOTT Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid this fourteenth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and sixteen and in the seventh year of our Reign

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

A. M. KAJIJI,
Registrar.

P. B. MALABARI,
The 14th day of Dec. 1916.
Messrs. SOONDERDAS & CO.
6445 Petitioners Attorneys.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Messrs. IGNATIUS D'SILVA and ALEXANDER D'SILVA have contracted to sell absolutely to our client the property hereunder described.

ALL persons having any claim thereto or any of them or any part thereof by way of inheritance, mortgage, charge, gift, maintenance, Pazendari right, survivorship, lease, lien or otherwise howsoever are required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at Cook's Buildings, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without any reference to any such claim and the same, if any will be deemed to have been waived.

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of Freehold land or ground situate lying and being at Chunam Kiln Road now known as Lamington Road, without the Fort of Bombay in the registration Sub-District of Bombay containing by admeasurement 844 square yards out of which roughly 102 square yards are used as a common passage on the North Side thereof and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue before redemption under Collector's Old No. 75, New No. D/13572, Old Survey No. 186 and New Survey No. 1c/7386 and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward No. 1899 (2) Street No. 2A and bounded as follows that is to say on or towards the East and South by the property formerly of Raghunath Makund on the West by the Chunam Kiln Road now known as Lamington Road and on the North by a common passage and beyond that the property of Anant Shivji Desai.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1916.

PATEL & EZEKIEL,
6439 Purchaser's Attorneys.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. DOSSABHOY BEJONJEE MOTIWALLA has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

Any person having any claim in or to the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, possession, lease, incumbrance, lien, easement or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at our office, at Old Secretariat, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof after which date the sale will be completed without regard to any claim not so made known as aforesaid and all claims if any not so made known will be considered as waived null and void.

THE SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground containing by admeasurement one thousand three hundred and sixty-five square yards or thereabouts be the same a little more or less and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 196, 202 New No. 12143 and New Survey No. 1—1449 situate lying and being without the Fort of Bombay at Elphinstone Road, Parel, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay and bounded as follows:—That is to say on or towards the East by the property of Rustomji Pestonji Bilimoria, on or towards the West partly by the property of Hormuzd Rustam Irani and partly by the property of Dossabhoy Bezonji Motiwalla and partly by the property of Messrs. Hajee Mahomed Hajee Esmail and Co. on or towards the North by the property belonging to Cullianji Morarji and on or towards the South by the Elphinstone Road together with all messuages tenements and buildings standing thereon assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under G Ward No. 3488 (2) and Street No. 952 A.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1916.

LITTLE & CO.,
6447 Purchasers Attorneys.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

GEORGE V by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and credits of SITARAM VISHWANATH GORE alias SITARAM VISHWANATH MANKIKAR alias SITARAM VISHWANATH MANKIKAR alias S. V. MANKEKAR alias S. V. MANKIKAR, of Bombay, Dyavadna Brahmin Hindu Inhabitant, a Clerk, then unemployed .....Deceased.

SHRIDHAR SITARAM GORE, a Clerk, ANANDRAO SITARAM GORE and BHALCHANDRA SITARAM GORE, Goldsmiths, by profession of Bombay Dyavadnya Brahmin Hindus, residing at 47, Khotachiwadi, Girgaum, outside the Fort, in the City of Bombay, sons of the deceased abovenamed ... Petitioners

All persons claiming to have any interest in the estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Witness Sir BASIL SCOTT Kt., Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid this ninth day of December, in the year of our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and sixteen and in the seventh year of our Reign.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

(Sd.) A. M. KAJIJI,
Registrar.
(Sd.) P. B. MALABARI,

The 9th day of December, 1916.
SHRIDHAR SITARAM GORE & others,
Petitioners in person.
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that our client Mr. HARILAL MAHASUKH has entered into an agreement with Messrs. MANILAL SHAMALDAS, OCHHAOLAL SAMALDAS, CHUNILAL AMICHAND, WADILAL CHUNILAL and CHANDOOLAL CHUNILAL for the purchase of the property hereunder described. All persons having any claim on or to the said property whether by way of mortgage, sale, gift, lease, trust, charge, inheritance, possession, maintenance or otherwise howsoever should make the same known in writing in our office at 121, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, and to the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes in Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without regard to any such claim which shall then be considered to have been waived and regarded as null and void.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of Pension and Tax land or ground with the dwelling house standing thereon, situate at Bhuleshwar Road, outside the Fort of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 182 square yards or thereabouts registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's Old No. 117, New No. 924, Old Survey No. 93, New Survey No. 542 and assessed by the Assessor of Municipal Rates and Taxes under C Ward No. 5191 and Street Nos. 128-130, Bhuleshwar, all which premises are bounded on or towards the North by the Bhuleshwar Road aforesaid, on or towards the South by a sweeper's passage and beyond it by the property of Kashibai, daughter of Gangadas Vijbhukhandas, on or towards the East by a sweeper's passage and beyond it by the property of Shri Girdharlalji Govindraiji Maharaj and on or towards the West by the Panchayatwadi Street and were formerly in the possession of Goculdas Karamsey but are now in the occupation of the vendors and their tenant.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1916.

CAPTAIN & VAIDYA,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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SALE BY AUCTION

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Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co., will sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 23rd day of December, 1916, at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.) in the Bungalow, at Ridge Road, Malabar Hill, very valuable and handsome household (specially made to order) furniture by well-known makers, consisting of dining table, strong and handsome dining chairs, dumbwaiters, dinner waggon, meat-safe, drawing room suite of spring cushioned sofa and chairs, Chesterfield sofas and chairs, mirror door single and double almyrahs, chests of drawers, clothes and hanging gown presses, wardrobes, sideboards with mirror back, clothes baskets, American book-cases, law and historical books, novels, arm and armless chairs, easy low arm chairs, Singapore cane chairs, folding deck chairs, dressing and writing tables, teapoys, hatstand, centre tables, selected artistic cabinets, lady's dressing table, brass and iron cots, mosquito rooms (specially made to order) rich brass hall lamps, table lamps, pictures, flower vases, screens, Jost fan, washhand tables, toilet sets, towel horses, wooden bath tubs, chiffoniers, table ornaments, large collection of very old Chinaware, brassware, artistic pictures, Durries and Persian carpets, ice box, glassware, crockeryware, cooking utensils, bird cage, summer house, rich and beautiful garden plants such as:—White and red lilies, white and yellow roses, white and red bigonias, China palms, aresa luticens sago palms, ferns, orchids, canas, chrysanthemums, double panchattas and gardening instruments, etc.

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Afghan Memorial Church, Colaba.—Chaplain Rev. R. L. Wormald; 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 10 a.m., Parade Service; 5-15 p.m., Sunday School; 6-30 p.m., Evening Service.

All Saints' Church Malabar Hill,—8 a.m., Matins; 8-30 a.m., Holy Communion; 6-30 p.m., Evenson.

St. Mary the Blessed Virgin, Parel.—Chaplain, Rev. J. B. Glass; 8 a.m., Morning Prayer; 8-30 a.m. Holy Communion; 6-30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon, Preacher Rev. J. B. Glass.

Emmanuel Church, Girgaum.—Clergy: English—Rev. H. T. Vodden, M.A. (Incumbent), Rev, Canon R. S. Heywood, M.A., Rev. J. H. Robinson, M.A. Marathi—Rev. Canon D. L. Joshi and Rev. D. A. Yardi, B.A., Gujarati—Rev. L. Hari. English Services—8 a.m., Holy Communion; 6-30 p.m., Evening Prayer and Holy Communion and Sermon. Collections for the C. M. S. Up-country Missions; Marathi Service 9 a.m. Gujarati Service, 2-30 p.m. Services on Christmas Day: English Services:—8-0 a.m. Holy Communion, 11-15 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion Collections for the "League of Mercy." Marathi Service 7-0 a.m. Holy Communion. 9-0 a.m. Morning Service and Holy Communion. Gujarati Service 2-30 p.m. Holy Communion.

St. Paul's, Kamatipura (S. P. G.), Foras Road. 7-0 a.m., Matins; 7-30 a.m., Holy Communion; 8-30 a.m., Holy Communion (Choral); 6-30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

Christ Church, Byculla.—Chaplain Rev. A. Sawtell, 7-30 a.m. Holy Communion; Rev. W. 8-30 a.m., Matins (Choral Communion; Children's Service [illegible]; 5-15 p.m. Sermon, [illegible] p.m. Evensong and Christ Church, Byculla. Christmas Day Services:—6-30 a.m. Holy Communion; 7-30 a.m. Holy Communion; 9-0 a.m. Holy Communion (Choral). 6-0 p.m. Evensong and Carols.

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METHODIST.

Taylor Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, Clare Road, Byculla, Pastor Rev. W. E. Bancroft, 8-30 a.m., Sunday School; 9-15 a.m., Morning Service; 6-30 p.m., Evening Service; 8-30 p.m., Men's Social Hour in Union Hall.

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Wesleyan Marathi Mission (Minister Rev. S. Rahator)—8-15 a.m., Byculla; 4-30 p.m., Elphinstone Road, Parel; 6-30 p.m., Elphinstone Road, Parel (Tamil and Telagu Service).

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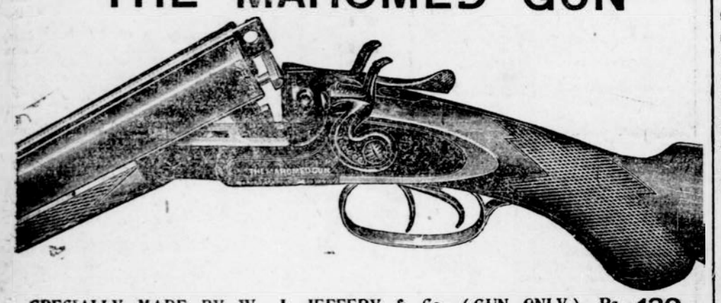

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WEATHER REPORT

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

SIMLA, Dec. 22.

Only Negapatam reports light rainfall. Yesterday's slight disturbance is now giving thin cloud in northwest India.

Forecast:—No rain of importance.

TEMPERATURE IN BOMBAY.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 21st Dec. 1916

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected to 32 deg Fahr.	29.908 Inch.
Temperature of Air	76.6 Deg.
Wet Bulb Thermometer	70.4 ,,
Dew Point	67.6 ,,
Relative humidity of Air	0.718 ,,
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky cloudy—10)	1.2 ,,
Maximum temperature of Air	83.0 ,,
Minimum ...do... do.	70.0 ,,
General direction of Wind from midnight to midnight	NE, ENE, WNW.
Movement of Wind in 24 hours from midnight to midnight	81 Miles.

SUN, MOON AND TIDES IN BOMBAY.

The following are the hours and heights of the tides in Bombay Harbour during the ensuing week. Hour stated in Bombay Mean Time depth of water is at Prince's Dock:—

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	HIGH WATER. Bombay Mean time.	Depth on Still.	Day of Month.	LOW WATER. Bombay Mean time.	Depth on Still.
	Dec.	h. m.	ft. in.	Dec.	h. m.	ft. in.
Fri.	22	m 8 21	25 8	22	m 2 53	21 0
		9 59a	27 11		2 53a	15 10
Sat.	23	m 9 28	26 2	23	m 3 49	20 5
		10 44a	29 0		3 38a	14 11
Sun.	24	m 10 20	26 9	24	m 4 39	19 7
		11 28a	30 0		4 23a	14 2
Mon.	25	m 11 12	17 8	25	m 5 26	18 10
					5 8a	13 10
Tues.	26	m 0 11	30 6	26	m 6 12	18 2
		0 3a	27 7		5 54a	13 11
Wed.	27	m 0 53	30 4	27	m 6 58	17 8
		0 53a	27 7		6 41a	14 6
Thur	28	m 1 35	30 6	28	m 7 44	17 5
		1 44a	27 5		7 29a	15 7

The following are the hours of sunrise and sunset according to Indian Standard Time during the ensuing week:—

Dec.		Sunrise.	Sunset.
,, 22	(Friday)	,, 7h. 8m.	,, 6h. 7m.
,, 23	(Saturday)	,, 7h. 8m.	,, 6h. 8m.
,, 24	(Sunday)	,, 7h. 9m.	,, 6h. 8m.
,, 25	(Monday)	,, 7h. 9m.	,, 6h. 9m.
,, 26	(Tuesday)	,, 7h. 10m.	,, 6h. 9m.
,, 27	(Wednesday)	,, 7h. 10m.	,, 6h. 10m.
,, 28	(Thursday)	,, 7h. 11m.	,, 6h. 10m.

PHASES OF THE MOON:—

First Quarter	1916 Dec.	2nd.,	7h. 25.5m. a.m.
Full Moon	,, ,,	9th.,	6h. 13.9m. p.m.
Last Quarter	,, ,,	17th.,	11h. 36.4m. p.m.
New Moon	,, ,,	25th.,	2h. 1.2m. a.m.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

Summary of observations recorded at 8 hours on Friday, the 22nd December, 1916, giving data for the preceding 24 hours.

The Punjab.—Skies are moderately clouded. Humidity is in defect at Multan and Delhi and normal or in excess elsewhere. Night temperature is in defect at Ambala.

The United Provinces.—Skies are clear. Night temperature is generally in defect.

Sind and Rajputana.—Skies are clear. Humidity is in excess in upper Sind and normal or in defect elsewhere. Temperature has risen and is now nearly normal.

Gujarat, Kathiawar and Central India West.—Skies are clear in Central India West and lightly or moderately clouded elsewhere. Temperature has risen and is now in excess at night at most places.

The Central Provinces.—Skies are clear.

Temperature has fallen and is now in defect at Saugor and Raipur.

The Konkan.—Skies are clear or lightly clouded Day temperature is in defect at Ratnagiri and Mormugao.

The Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.—Skies are clear or lightly clouded. Day temperature is in defect in the southern half of the division; night temperature is in excess in the northern half.

General Remarks.—Isolated light showers have occurred in south-east Madras. Conditions are unsettled in the Punjab.

Isolated showers are possible on the south Madras coast.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 a. m. on FRIDAY, the 22nd of December 1916.

STATIONS.	Temp in Shade. Maximum of past 24 hours	Temp in Shade. Minimum of past 24 hours	Humidity. 8 A. M.	Rainfall. Past 24 hours	Rainfall. Total 1st Nov. to date.	Rainfall. Departure 1st Nov. to date.
PERSIAN GULF—						
Bundire						
Do. (21st Dec.)	65.7	49.0	82	0.04		—3.43
Jask	78.1	58.0	82	0.02		—1.24
Do. (th Dec.)						
Muskat						
Do. (th Dec.)						
PUNJAB—						
Multan	73.6	44.6	48	0		—0.28
Rawalpindi	67.4	35.9	85	0.33		—0.41
Lahore						
Hissar	72.6	38.1	71	0		
Ambala	70.7	38.3	95	0		—0.56
Delhi	71.0	43.2	75	0		—0.43
UNITED PROVINCES—						
Agra	71.8	43.1	57	0		—0.26
Mainpuri	71.4	41.8	71	0.01		—0.39
Jhansi	74.0	43.0	77	0.78		0.50
Cawnpore	70.2	42.9	87	2.20		1.80
Allahabad	71.9	43.7	86	0.51		—0.06
SIND AND RAJPUTANA						
Jacobabad	73.5	39.8	77	0		—0.17
Karachi	70.9	56.7	44	0		—0.11
Ajmer	70.8	41.4	68	0		—0.36
Jaipur	73.5	45.6	39	0		—0.29
Kotah	77.0	49.0	56	0		—0.31
Mount Abu	68.2	52.6	63	0		—0.33
GUJARAT, KATHIAWAR AND CENTRAL INDIA WEST—						
Bhuj	80.2	53.7	65	0		—0.15
Dwarka	82.4	61.2	54	0		—0.06
Veraval	78.0	64.6	54	0		—0.34
Rajkot	85.2	56.5	54	0		—0.28
Bhavnagar Para	85.2	58.2	70	0		—0.21
Surat	85.5	65.3	63	0		—0.14
Ahmedabad	86.9	65.8	38	0		—0.19
Deesa	86.4	54.8	44	0		—0.15
Neemuch	76.1	52.0	47	0		—0.24
Indore	79.1	53.2	49	0.86		0.39
CENTRAL PROVINCES—						
Jubbulpore	72.1	46.9	77	2.76		2.09
Saugor	72.2	44.6	60	0.32		—0.52
Hoshangabad	76.7	41.4	60	1.42		0.68
Khandwa						
Akola	82.4	53.2	59	2.42		1.52
Amraoti	80.3	55.8	48	0.45		—0.42
Nagpur	79.2	50.5	50	2.56		1.48
Chanda	80.7	49.0	81	0.63		—0.31
Raipur	77.2	47.6	73	2.36		1.74
KONKAN—						
Bombay	83.0	72.0	81	0.72		0 30
Ratnagiri	84.2	67.6	52	7.26		6 46
Marmugao	80.7	68.3	73	3.98		2.90
Karwar	86 6	64.2	68	8.46		6.68
BOMBAY DECCAN AND HYDERABAD—						
Malegaon	87.7	59.7	55	1.33		0.84
Ahmednagar	79.6	60.5	48	0.65		—0.24
Poona	82.4	59.9	62	1.91		0.95
Sholapur	82.3	59.1	51	8.28		6.98
Bijapur	80.1	57.3	61	9.47		8.37
Belgaum	77.7	56.8	67	10.67		8.97
Aurangabad	81.7	52.1	51	0.58		—0.11
Nizamabad(Indur).	81.7	55.7	57	1.34		0.66
Hyderabad	77.8	57.7	78	2.44		1.43
MALABAR AND CEYLON						
Mangalore	87.3	66.2	63	4.75		1.71
Calicut	80.8	63.8	76	5.70		0.13
Cochin	90.5	67.7	61	4.58		—3.08
Colombo	86.6	67.9	88	10.07		—6.43
MADRAS. (EXCLUDING MALABAR) AND MYSORE—						
Masulipatam	83.2	65.2	69	10.85		4.98
Bellary	83.3	58.7	65	2.17		0.10
Cuddapah	81.0	60.6	72	3.49		—0.64
Madras	84.2	71.9	69	0.02	17.91	—0 01
Bangalore	77.2	58.6	84	..	10.14	6.91
Coimbatore	88.4	68.7	74	..	5.73	1.66
Trichinopoly	87.9	69.2	70	..	2.85	—4.06
Negapatam	82.1	68.4	93	0.10	12.45	—11.71

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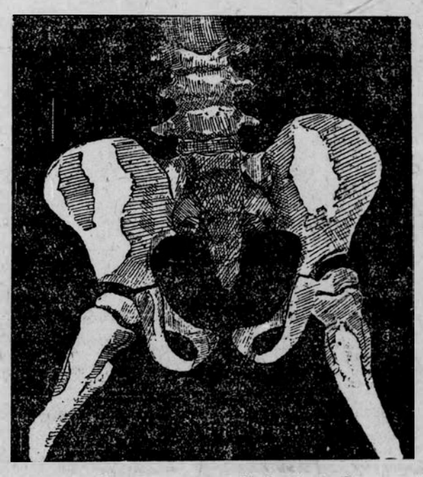

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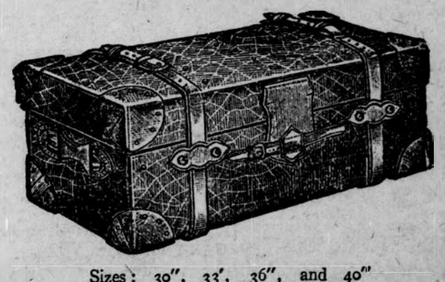

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Liverpool, Dec. 20th.

FUTURE DELIVERY PRICES:—

Months.	To-day's opening price.
December	10.14
Dec.-Jan.	10.11
Jan.-Feb.	10.12
Feb.-Mar.	10.18
Mar.-Apl.	10.24
Apl.-May	10.29
May-June	10.34
June-July	10.34
July-Aug.	10.34
Aug.-Sept.	10.10
Sept.-Oct.	9.75
Oct.-Nov.	9.64
Nov.-Dec.	9.56
Dec.-Jan.	9.52

Prices taken at 10-10 a.m. nearest actual values.

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AMERICAN MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 19th.

Day's Exports to Great Britain	10,000
" " to Continent..	30,000
Fair Rio Coffee (No. 7 quality)	9¾
Demand Bills	4.75.50
Silver Commercial Bars	76½

New York, Dec. 20th.

Day's Receipts at all U. S. Ports	32,000
Futures at New York March	17.24—6
" May	17.44—6
Spot Cotton at New York	17.15—65
" New Orleans	17.25—25
Futures at New Orleans March	16.75—11
" " May	16.96—10

COUNCIL BILLS.

London, Wednesday, Dec. 20th.

At the Periodical Biddings for Council Bills on India to-day for Rs. 80,00,000:—

Telegraphic Transfers:—Immediate.

Rs.				Rs.
4,15,000 were allotted to Calcutta				
16,72,000 " "	to Bombay			20,90,000
" " "	to Madras			
Tenders on Calcutta	at 1-4 1/4.			
" Bombay	at 1-4 1/4.			
Min. Rate Received	Calcutta	10%	above	that rate in full.
	Bombay			

Rs.				Rs.
Nil. were allotted to Calcutta				
25,000 " "	to Bombay			3,71,000
3,46,000 " "	to Madras			
Tenders on Calcutta	at 1/4 5/32			
" Bombay	at 1/4 5/32			
Min. Rate Received	Calcutta	10%	above	that rate in full.
	Bombay			

Telegraphic Transfers:—Deferred.

Rs.				Rs.
37,62,000 were allotted to Calcutta				
14,41,000 " "	to Bombay			55,39,000
3,36,000 " "	to Madras			
Tenders on Calcutta	at 1/4 5/32			
" Bombay	at 1/4 5/32			
Min Rate Received	Calcutta	10%	above	that rate in full.
	Bombay			

Total Amount of Bills sold during the week ending Tuesday evening including last Public Sale 1,32,10,000

Amount to be allotted next week 1,20,00,000

The minimum allotment to one applicant will be Rs. 15,00,000.

The minimum prices for Transfers will be 1-4 7/32 and for Bills and Deferred Transfers 1-4 1/8.

MONEY MARKET.

London, Dec. 20th.

Bar Silver Spot	36 13/16

Closing Tone of Silver:—Silver closed quietly—Steady.

Discount, Bank of England Rate 6 per cent. since 18th July 1916.

Discount Bank Bills 3 m/st	5 9/16
Discount India Bank Bills 6 m/st	5½
" Fine Trade Bills 3 months	5½
" " " 6 "	6½
Interest day to day loans	4½
" 7 day market loans	4½
Consols 2½ %	55½—¾
Russian Paper 3½ %	Nominal.
Indian Stock 3½ % (Sterling Loan)	65½+½
Government Securities 3 %	56½+½
On London at Paris Francs.	27.80 Uncngd.

WAR LOANS.

London, Dec. 20th.

5½ % 1925—1928	85½+½
4½ % 1925—1945	95½+½

MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

London, Dec. 20th.

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AUSTRALIAN.

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Karachi Barley Afloat quoted	68/6

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Rapeseed, Feroshpore Usual Bold Dec.-Jan. Sellers	90
Rapeseed, Yellow Guzerat, 416 lbs. ex Ship. Dec.-Jan. Nominal	94
Rapeseed, Brown, Cawnpore 416 lbs. ex-Ship Nov.-Dec. Sellers	88/6
Toria Rapeseed Jan.-Feb. Sellers	92

LINSEED.

Linseed Argentine (La Plate) White Bold Gingelly Dec.-Jan.	£29
Linseed Bombay per 416 lbs. ex-Ship Dec.-Jan. Sellers	108

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Bombay Cottonseed (sound delivered per ton) Dec.-Jan. Hull	£18-15-0

Tone—Not offered.

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Copper Brazlers	Nominal
Yellow Metal	17½
Hard Spelter	45

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Raw Java, C. & F. Bombay Jan.-Feb.	24
Do. Karachi Jan.-Feb.	24/1
Fine White Java C. & F. Calcutta Jan.-Feb.	26/9
Do. do. Bombay Jan.-Feb.	27
Do. do. Karachi Jan.-Feb.	27/1

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BOMBAY MARKETS.

COTTON.

(By our Commercial Correspondent.)

BOMBAY, Dec. 22.

The market to-day opened with M. G. Good Broach quoted at Rs. 368 and later gave way to Rs. 365 on selling on the part of Japan Houses. Business has been reported in G. Broach and F. G. Bengal and Akola styles. Ready cotton is in poor demand.

We quote:—

G. M. G. Broach 367½, April
F. G. Bengal 267½, January
F. K. Akola 341, January.

Messrs PATEL BROS. APPROXIMATE QUOTATIONS AT MID-DAY.

Bombay, Dec. 21st.

Description.		Delivery Jan. 1917	Mar. 1917.	April 1917	Spot Cotton
Broach,	Good M.G.	..	..	367	..
Broach,	Fine M.G.	..	380	..	New
Bengal,	F.G. M.G.	269	..	..	269/70
Bengal,	Fine M.G.	279/0	..	..	270/80
Bengal,	Superfine M.G.	..	..	..	280/90
Rajputana,	Fine M.G.	..	..	..	..
Sind Panjab,	Fine M.G.	..	..	..	270/80
Khan. Akola	Fine M.G.	340	..	..	335/45
Ellich/Amraoti,	Fine M.G.	..	..	..	340/50
Dhamg./Fulgaon,	Fine M.G.	..	..	..	360/70
Yeotmal,	Fine M.G.	..	..	..	365/75
Nagpore,	Fine M.G.	..	..	..	375/80
Hingt./Wardha,	Fine G.M.	..	..	..	..
Khandesh,	Fine M.G.	331	..	..	325/35
Khandesh,	F.G. M.G.	317	..	..	310/20
Khandwa Sanawad,	F.G. M.G.	..	..	..	..
Jalna	F.G. M.G.	..	..	..	340/50
Indore,	F.G. M.G.	..	..	..	..
Ujjain,	F.G. M.G.	..	..	..	..
Nander,	F.G. M.G.	..	..	..	..
Mathia,	Fine M.G.	..	..	..	..
Mathia,	F.G. M.G.	..	..	..	..
Saw Ginned Dharwar	Good	..	..	..	380/90
Coompta,	Good M.G.	..	..	..	400/20
Westerns,	Good M.G.	..	..	..	390/00
Westerns	Good M.G.	..	..	..	370/80

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Growths.	Super-fine.	Fine.	Fully Good.	Good.	Delivery.
Bengals (M.G.)	293	280	268	..	1, 25th Jan. 17
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Scinde-Punjab (M.G.)	270	258	246	..	Ready
	289	276	264	..	1/25th Jan. 17
Khandesh (M.G.)	..	332	316	..	Ready
	..	334	317	..	1/25th Jan. 17
Jalna (M.G.) G.S.	..	360	340	..	Ready
Barsee (M.G.) G.S.	..	367	347	..	Ready
Oomra M.G. (Fair -Staple)	..	332	317	..	Ready
Akola Khamg.	..	334	319	..	Ready
Karanja(M.G.)	..	340	326	..	1/25th Jan. 17
Oomrawatee descriptions(M.G.)	..	335	320	..	Ready
	..	340	325	..	1/25th Jan. 17
Dhamangaum	..	337	322	..	Ready
Poolgaum(M.G.)	..	345	330	..	1/25th Jan 17
Yeotmal (M.G.)	..	349	326	..	Ready
	..	350	345	..	1/25th Jan. 17
Nagpore	..	347	332	..	Ready
Kampti(M.G.)	..	366	341	..	1/25th Jan. 17
Wardha H'ghat (M.G.)	..	350	335	..	Ready
	..	358	343	..	1/25th Jan. 17
	..	365	..	..	1/25th Mar. 17
Broach (M.G.)	..	..	..	..	365 1/25th Ap.1917
Surat (M.G.)	..	..	..	..	..
Mathia (M.G.)	..	332	317	..	Ready & 1/25th Jan.1917
Bhagalkote-Bijapur (M.G.)	..	..	..	..	370April.-May 1917
Sawgd. Dharwar	..	..	..	..	368April-May 1917
Westerns (M.G.)	..	..	..	..	365May.-June 1917
Westerns (M.G.)	..	..	..	..	360May.-June 1917
Compta (M.G.)	..	..	..	..	376April-May 1917
Miraj (M.G.)	..	..	..	..	377April-May 1917

WHEAT AND SEEDS.

Bombay, Dec. 22nd—4 p.m.

The following are to-day's closing rates as issued by the Marwari Chamber of Commerce.

Ready.	Bazaar Terms. Rs. a. p.	Ball Delivery Rs. a. p.
Wheat, White Delhi 70-30	42 0 0	6 14 0
" White Cawnpore 70-30	42 0 0	6 13 6
" Karachi Bangla	42 0 0	6 14 0
Rapeseed, Brown Delhi	6 8 0	6 14 0
" Brown Cawnpore	6 7 0	6 13 0
" Yellow Cawnpore	6 14 0	7 4 0
Linseed, Brown Bold	9 10 0	10 0 0
" Brown Thin	9 6 0	9 12 0
Teelseed, White 85.15	48 0 0	9 14 0
" Gajar 75.25	46 0 0	9 12 0
" Black	38 0 0	8 4 0
" Gajar 50.50	44 0 0	9 4 0
Poppyseed, White	7 0 0	7 10 0
Groundnuts	42 8 0	..
Mowraseed	4 0 0	4 4 0
Jowa	33 0 0	5 0 0
Arandia	39 8 0	..
Forward.	Rs. a. p.	
Wheat April-May	6 7 6	
Linseed May	11 1 9	
Teelseed White 85-15 Dec./Jan.	9 14 0	
" Gajar 75-25 Dec./Jan.	9 7 0	
" Gajar 50-50 Dec./Jan.	9 4 0	
" Black Dec./Jan.	8 4 0	

THE WHEAT POSITION.

The returns show that the total imports of wheat by rail, river, and sea (foreign and coastwise) into the ports of Bombay, Karachi, and Calcutta for the week ending the 9th December, 1916, were 28,332 tons, as against 7,832 tons and 7,087 tons for the corresponding period of 1915 and 1914, respectively. For the same period the total exports by sea to foreign countries amounted to 23,908 tons, as against 54 tons and 3,523 tons in the corresponding period of 1915 and 1914, respectively These weekly figures of exports represent wheat entered for shipment, excluding in certain cases only short shipments reported during the period.

The details of imports and exports as specified above were as follows:—

	For week ending 9th December 1916. Tons.	For week ending 11th December 1915. Tons.	For week ending 12th December 1914. Tons.
Imports.			
into Bombay ..	5,730	3,416	949
" Karachi ..	13,987	1,258	3,523
" Calcutta ..	8,615	3,168	2,615
Total ..	28,332	7,832	7,087

	On Government account. Tons.	On private account. Tons	Total Tons.		
Exports.					
From					
Bombay ..	1,220	1,220	3		38
Karachi 16,093	6,095	22,188	49		3,447
Calcutta ..	500	500	2		38
Total ..16,093	7,815	23,908	54		3,523

The imports of wheat by rail, river, and sea from the beginning of April to 9th December, 1916, were:—

	Tons.
Into Bombay	160,890
Into Karachi	655,558
Into Calcutta	134,995
Total ...	951,443

this total showing an increasing of 13 per cent. over the total imports (837,577 tons) in the corresponding period of last year.

The exports of wheat by sea to foreign countries from the beginning of April to 9th December, 1916, were:—

	Tons.
From Bombay	29,089
From Karachi	588,590
From Calcutta	1,295
Total ...	618,974

The quantities exported in the corresponding period of 1915 and 1914 were 639,880 tons and 654,347 tons, respectively.

THE COTTON POSITION.

The arrivals of raw cotton into Bombay by rail and sea (foreign and coastwise) during the week ending the 9th December, 1916, were 101,942 bales of 400 lbs. each, as against 84,442 bales and 29,859 bales in the corresponding period of 1915 and 1914, respectively. The arrivals from the beginning of the present season (1st September) were 481,974 bales, a decrease of 17 per cent. as compared with the figures (585,701 bales) of the corresponding period of last year (1915), but an increase of 273 per cent over the figures (129,371 bales) for 1914.

The exports of raw cotton from Bombay by sea to foreign countries during the eight months ending November, 1916, amounted to 1,442,884 bales of 400 lbs each as against 1,302,264 bales and 1,505,360 bales in the corresponding period of 1915 and 1914, respectively.

The total imports during the week ending the 9th December, 1916, of cotton piecegoods by sea from foreign countries into the ports of Calcutta, Bombay, Karachi, Madras, and Rangeon amounted to 11 million yards, as against 31 million yards and 50 million yards in the corresponding period of 1915 and 1914, respectively. The total quantity of piecegoods (Indian and foreign) despatched during the same period by rail from the ports of Calcutta, Bombay, Karachi, and Madras amounted to 2,311 tons, as against 3,004 tons, in 1915, and 2,729 tons in 1914.

PIECE-GOODS.

The Cloth Market has been depressed and there is very little doing. Rupee rates for all styles of Greys and Whites have declined considerably in the absence of buyers. The speculators have liquidated a small part of their holdings at these low rates which have shewn them heavy losses. At present two different opinions prevail in the market. Some dealers think it advisable to make purchases from the local market at current rates, which shew considerable reduction on the top rates reached during the beginning of this month, the more so as Manchester quotations are still very much higher. On the other hand, there are other merchants who think it risky to buy at present prices, anticipating a further decline in the near future. We are constrained to take the latter view for the following reasons; (1) the stringency in the money market which will continue for some time, (2) the absence of actual demand for consumption, (3) the unloading of purchases made by speculators who are anxious to sell, (4) the nervousness of buyers owing to peace talk, (5) the pressure exercised by sellers over buyers to pay and take delivery of the goods, (6) the decline in the quotations for cloth from Manchester, (7) the heavy stocks held by dealers and speculators in their godowns, and (8) the "bearish" sentiment prevailing in the market. In the beginning of this year local rates were forced up by speculation, but even then the prices ruling were 20 per cent. lower than those current to-day. The steady rise in values has been established during the last six months, and as it was not due to bona-fide business, as soon as the "bull" campaign was over, a rapid decline set in and the market exhibited the quality of being elastic. It is related that an impetuous speculator once rushed into the office of Baron Bleichroder, the great German financier, urging many seemingly cogent reasons why he should buy a particular stock that had already had a phenomenal rise. After listening patiently Bleichroder said "your argument seems unanswerable, my friend, but the trees never grow to the skies." As a common sense answer to the arguments for still higher prices it is especially pertinent just now. The Manchester market has shewn signs of weakness in grey staples and quotations have been lower by about six per cent. This decline is insignificant in face of the heavy drop in the price of the raw material, and it is believed that the old level will be established if business is forthcoming. In fancy styles, Prints and Whites, so far no reduction has been quoted, but rather a further rise is anticipated owing to the shortage of labour due to the rigid enforcement of conscription by the new Ministry. The bleachers have intimated a further increase of ten per cent. in the bleaching charges during the last week.

GREYS.

A decline of eight annas per piece has been noticeable in most of the standard Grey Shirtings. Grey Jaconets also shew a reduction of four to eight annas per piece. "Pepperell" and "Masjid" Drills have further decreased in values by Rs. 2 per piece, and some fair lots have changed hands at the lower level. Many dealers have suffered heavy losses in transactions of these cloths owing to large fluctuations. 39in. Red End Grey shirtings of 16 by 12 counts are quoted by shippers at 12s 6d. per piece F. B. H., which shews a reduction of over a shilling per piece on the top price.

WHITES.

In White goods the fall in values has continued and rates of Nainsooks and Mulls have been easier by four to eight annas per piece. Some small lots of standard goods have changed hands at these rates. Some dealers have made heavy losses on their purchases within a couple of days, and are now afraid to touch any styles even at lower rates. 58in. by 20yds. White Mulls have dropped down by twelve annas per piece. No. 615 White Mulls have been resold by Ahmedabad buyers at Rs. 4-8, which leaves them a very heavy loss. Purchases in this style had been made upto Rs. 6 per piece during the last month 40in. by 18 yds. Mulls have also met with the same fate. Liepman's White Shirtings No. 1500 have also declined in value considerably.

The quotations for the leading chops of Greys and Whites are as under:—

	Ins.	Yds.	Rs.	a.	p.
Grey Shirtings—					
Ralli's Fan"No. 2000	39×37½/8	..	7	12	0
" " " 100000	45×37½/8	..	8	12	0
Fleming's No. 1905 ..	48×36	..	10	0	0
Ritchie's No. 1566	33×37/37½	..	..	..	..
Bombay Co.'s No. 2580	44×38½	..	9	0	0
Dewhurst's Rupee" No. 5	39×38½	..	10	12	0
" "BBB" ..	48×38½	..	13	0	0
Grey Jaconets—					
Ralli's No. 18 ..	45×22	..	5	0	0
Grey Drills—					
Pepperell "Dragon" ..	29×40	..	14	12	0
Ralli's 'Musjid,' No. 425	26×40	..	9	4	0
White Shirtings—					
Liepman's No. 1500 ..	32×42	..	14	12	0
H. B. T. C. 40000" ..	36×40	..	17	4	0
White Nainsooks—					
Ralli's Nos. 7070/9090 .	27×18	..	3	0	0
" No. 39620 T. B..	38×22	..	4	0	0
Graham's Nos. 88/8888.	28×18	..	3	6	0
" " 50000 ..	34×18	..	4	7	0
Greaves' No. 8000 T. B.	38×22	..	4	10	0
Ritchie's 3500/4510/5520	26×18	..	3	0	0
White Mulls—					
Ralli's Nos. 6/60/600 ..	41", 46", 51"×19		5	12	0
" No. 6000 ..	56×19	..	6	8	0
" " 88 ..	58×20	..	6	0	0
" " 815 ..	39×20	..	5	8	0
Ritchie's No 975 ..	99×18	..	4	10	0
" " 66999 ..	40×18	..	4	6	0
" " 1200 ..	27×18	..	3	4	0
Fleming's No. 8080 ..	"	..	3	2	0

LANCASHIRE YARNS.

There has been practically no change in the yarn market and prices have remained steady. Clearances have not been satisfactory and the demand is restricted. Although the raw material has been irregular, yarns show very little change in quotation as spinners are not anxious to sell. Forward business is at a standstill at present. Egyptian Yarns are quite out of range, but it is said that if the mountain will not come to Mahomet, Mahomet will have to go to the mountain. A cable dated the 14th instant states:—"Tattersall's circular, strong position of spinners well maintained, substantial business in medium fine twists, margin of profit widened, producers more independent than for a long time despite difficulties, prospects encouraging, Neill reduces his crop estimate to 12,750,000 bales, consumption 14,750,000 bales unchanged."

Local yarns are easier by ¼ to ½ annas per lb., owing to poor demand and in sympathy with the decline in cotton.

Lancashire Grey Yarns are quoted as under:—

WATER TWIST GREY—		Rs.	a.	p.
30s. "Queen" Ticket ..	Per lb.	1	3	0
30s. Ordinary qualities ..	"	1	2	0
40s. "Cat's Head" Ticket .	"	1	5	0
40s. Ordinary qualities ..	"	1	4	0

THE CLOTH MARKET.

The piece-goods market will be closed to-morrow owing to the "Amwas" holiday.

SUGAR MARKET.

(From our Correspondent.)

BOMBAY, Dec. 22.

With large stocks at hand and heavy arrivals expected shortly from Java and Mauritius together with easy advices from Java our market ruled quietet throughout the week and prices both for ready and forward have been reduced by 6 to 8 annas per cwt., all round. Small quantity has changed hands amougst dealers in White Java November shipment at 24s. 9d. to 24s. 6d. and December shipment at 25s. Free Bombay Harbour There was great pressure to unload sugar by resellers and speculators without finding buyers, Karachi and Calcutta markets are also quieter without any business doing. Importers remain silent and there is absolutely no business doing.

The following are the Bazar rates and stocks:—

T. M. O. Rs. 20-6-0 equal 24s. 4d. F. B. harbour stocks 250,0000 bags.

16/18 Rs. 18-6-0 equal 22s. F. B. harbour stocks 55,000 bags.

Soft Rs. 19-8-0 equal 23s. 3d. F. B. harbour stocks 33,000 bags.

CALCUTTA SHARE MARKET.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21.

The recovery in jute mill shares, which was noticed at the close of yesterday's market took a more decided development on the opening of the last day before the vacation and with a strong demand in evidence for these securities a buoyant tone pervaded the market, the prices advancing with rapid steps. There was not much doing in other directions.

The following sales took place:—

Coal:—Banara 25, 25/4; Banajorah 18/8; Bhalgora 44 to 45; Burrakur 41; East Indian 59; Govindpur 25/4; Jainti Central 16/8; Nasira 24/8, 25; New Kendah 16/12, 17; Parasea 3/6; Raneegunge 41; Samla Kendra 23; South Govindpur 12/12, 13; Sutkidih 20.

Jute:—Barnagore (ord) 175 to 190; Belvedere (ord) 530,540; Clive (ord) 225, 228, 230, 236; Dalhousie (ord) 439, 440, 450; Delta (crd) 550 to 575; Howrah (ord) 445; Kamarhatty (ord) 335; Kanknarrah (ord) 700 to 720; New Central (ord) 500 to 520; Northbrook (ord) 46, 47; Union (ord) 671; Waverley 14, 14/4.

Tea:—Jaybirpara 26; Killing Valley 36, 36/4.

Miscellaneous Anglo Oriental Steam 80, 80/4.

3½ per cent. Government paper was quoted at Rs. 75/2 to Rs. 75/6 and small lots were done at Rs. 75/8 to Rs. 75/12.

The Calcutta Stock Exchange closes this evening until 3rd January 1917.

The Bank of Bengal rate of interest remains unchanged.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF COAL SUPPLIES.

COMMERCE MEMBER'S ASSURANCE.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21.

After a long discussion at a meeting yesterday attended by representatives of the coal, railway and mill interests affected by the recent Government acquisition of coal. Sir George Barnes said he would consider the facts which had been laid before him and the opinions expressed and would shortly announce the decision of the Government of India. The Government of India have now decided that they will at once take such steps as may be necessary to regulate in the general interest the supply of coal available after satisfying Government requirements. For this purpose a small committee will be appointed which will be invested with necessary powers.

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ADA REEVE'S VISIT.

OPENING PERFORMANCE NIGHT.

To-night marks a great event in theatrical history for India when Miss Ada Reeve and her London Company give their first performance in Bombay at the Excelsior at 9-30 p.m. The programme will contain Sir John Barrie's "Half an Hour," a vaudeville play in three scenes, in which Miss Reeve plays "Lady Lilian Garson." This however takes up only a portion of a programme to which a number of clever artistes, besides Miss Reeve contribute. They include Louis Nikola—Majician, Kennedy Allen—Comedian, Horace Strong—Tenor, Ashton Jarry—Raconteur, E. R. Joachim—Solo Violin from the Scottish Sympathy Orchestra, Harry Jacobs and a piano, Clarence Blakiston—the well-known London actor and Little Lucie Linda—England's Premier Juvenile Danseuse, these names alone giving a sufficient idea of the range of talent in the company, which must have a correspondingly large and varied repertoire. A thing that every body will be glad to hear is that all the male members of Miss Reeve's company are ineligible for service in the war or have been honourably discharged. On Wednesday, the 27th and the two following nights the company present the Lancashire comedy "Hobson's Choice" which is a big success of the present London Season.

So much has been read about Miss Reeve's visit during the past few weeks in Bombay that it should only be necessary to say, that this great artiste is at last appearing before an expectant public, to ensure a packed house to greet her after her many London and

Miss ADA REEVE

Who is appearing at the Excelsior to-night.

Colonial triumphs. To-night she will present a vaudeville programme that could only be seen in a West-End variety theatre. Besides the names mentioned above the company will include Mesdames Zoe Angus, Olga Sturdee and Milly Malim, Messrs. Arthur H. Jenner, James Grantham and J. M. Grant. The business side of the show is in the hands of Mr. W. F. Crowe, who piloted Mr. Matheson Lang through his successful Eastern Tour. The Manager and producer is the well-known Mr. Wilfred Cotton. We are asked to remind our readers that the performances commence sharp at 9-30 p.m. It is only fitting here to extend Miss Ada Reeve a hearty welcome to Bombay and there is no doubt that this city will be as readily conquered by her consummate art and charm as nearly every other city in the world has been.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE.

A splendid Christmas programme has been prepared by the mnagement of the Royal Opera House and will be shown for the first time to-night. The principal picture is "A Modern Cinderella," a film that has been very much praised by the London press. Miss Ella Hall is the star. It is a poor shop-girl's career on similar times to the old fairy story of Cinderella. A theatre manager places a small slipper outside his house and offers to engage for a forthcoming production any girl whom may fit. The heroine is the lucky trier and she wins through to fame as an actress The story is a pretty one and will be enjoyed both by children and grown-ups.

There are also two really funny shorter pictures on the programme, as well as the latest Pathe Gazette.

This afternoon the Royal Opera House is "at home" in celebration of the first anniversary of its permanent opening. Guests are requested to be present at 4 o'clock for the cinema performance.

OLYMPIA.

Among the items that comprise this week's attractive programme at this Picture House of growing popularity are the two further episodes of that enthralling serial film "The Iron Claw" and an intensely fascinating drama "The Girl That Didn't Matter." It is superfluous to dilate upon the merits of the "The Iron Claw," as the huge crowds that it has drawn since its opening have amply borne out its excellence. During the X'mas Holidays, the demand for Olympia seats is naturally expected to be unusually large but we hope that the rush will not make itself felt as the two extra shows at 3-30 p.m. and 5-15 p.m. respectively which the management will provide during the Holidays are likely to meet the surplus demand. At all events a visit to the Olympia during the Holidays will mean time most delightfully spent.

THE EMPIRE.

The Empire programme for Christmas week is a light comedy one, with some novel pictures that will make an equally strong appeal to both young and old and first of all there is an excellent film called "Papa Hulin" in which Henri Kraus and a clever child actress take the principal parts. Next some amusing and clever topical cartoons and the first "The Straffer Straffed" shows a Zeppelin in a bad way—a splendid drawing another called "Nutty News" takes off President Wilson's wordy notes from Washington which have hitherto won him only ridicule from the belligerents. The remainder of the programme maintains this excellence and it should be easy to spend a very pleasant hour or two at Bombay's new Cinema during Christmas week.

WEST END CINEMA.

With the great serial "The Diamond from the Sky" at an end the management of the West End Cinema cast about them for an ideal Christmas programme and settled on that wonderful film "The Miracle of Life" which had drawn a crowded house recently at a special War Fund performance at that theatre.

A young Society girl is married and at once throws all her energies into the season and its busy delights. She finds that she is about to have a child and a feeling of revulsion comes over her. **It means giving up all that has made her life worth living.** She is about to take poison when a wonderful dream shows her an old, childless woman. The whole miracle of life appears before her eyes with such striking vividness that she readjusts her angle of vision and flings away the poison phial.

Such is the picture to be seen to-day and during the Christmas Holidays at the West End Cinema. It should have a wide appeal alike for its human and educational interest.

NEW ALEXANDRA CINEMA.

The star film in the new programme commencing this week at the New Alexandra, is a four-reel, Clarendon Photo-Play, entitled "A Princess of The Blood." It is a spectacular drama dealing with the thrilling story of a Princess's Love Romance, intertwined with Royal Plots and Court intrigues. The luxuriant Court scenes, and the beautiful natural settings of some of the scenes are very superb. The acting also all throughout of the chief characters is very good. But the chief item of interest in the programme is a two-reel Chaplin production which the management has named as a comic convulsion. By this time, Charlie Chaplin has established his right to the indulgence, which the public never fails to extend to an entertainer whom it has really taken to its heart. One cannot easily conceive Charlie producing a dull feature. The mere sight of "Charlie" brings enjoyment to the enthusiast, and if he did little but display himself—and his feet—he would be sure of a hearty reception. There has surely never been a more remarkable triumph of personality. The management have specially selected this Chaplin production to make their audience laugh during the festive season and make merry.

DEOLALI WATER SUPPLY.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—It might be of interest to you to learn that my prophecy with regard to the water supply of Deolali has become true.

Yesterday the water supply failed, with the result that many of my comrades had to go without a proper wash to-day. That in itself is not serious, greater by far being the inconvenience caused at the Military Dairy.

Right in the midst of the sterilization of the milk for the water to be cut off is both inconvenient and disastrous, as it means that much milk must go sour as a consequence.

The accident was the result of placing too great a strain upon the springs, which fail to give the required capacity (in gallons) of water.

So very great is the strain upon the pipes that they can be seen bursting in all directions, and if it is still the idea that greater numbers of sick men are to come here, then disaster will be inevitable.—Yours, etc.,

PRIVATE.

Deolali, Dec. 20.

TRINITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC.

The following are the results of the Practical Examination of the Trinity College of Music, London, held by Mr. Saint-George, on December 18th and 19th, at S. Leonards', Bombay (Miss Schmuck's School Centre):—

Licentiate.—Evelyn Dagmar Jensen (piano) 76.

Licentiate Division (practical work).—Ruth Rubins (piano) 71.

Associate Division (practical work).—Emma Constance Bridges (piano) 83; Regina Morgenstern (piano) 78; Daisy Wolfe (violin) 72.

Senior Division.—Nancy Maud Hayeem (violin) 83 Honours; Coomi Dadiba Bilimoria (piano) 82 Honours; Irene Berenice Vase (singing) 70 Pass.

Intermediate Division.—Perin Jamshedji Powalla (piano) 81 Honours; Putli Framji Patel (violin) 80 Honours; Homai Rustomji Davar (violin) 75 Pass; Frances Agnes Cowper (piano) 71 Pass; Ida Mary Baptist (piano) 70 Pass.

Junior Division.—Mary P. M. Dalal (violin) 94 Honours; Khorsed Dadiba Bilimoria (violin) 86 Honours; Lily Surveyor (piano) 84 Honours; Phyllis Benjamin (violin) 82 Honours; Homai J. Doctor (piano) 80 Honours; Minoo Framroz Lali (violin) 77 Pass; Janet Powell (singing) 76 Pass; Roda Bamanji Gagrat (violin) 73 Pass; Aline Florence Hayeem (singing) 68 Pass.

Preparatory Division.—Merwan P. M. Dalal (violin) 88 Honours; Marie Lloyd (piano) 84 Honours.

Sir Harcourt Butler presided over a combined meeting of the Managing Committee and Ladies Visiting Committee of the Dufferin Hospital held at Government House, Rangoon, on Wednesday afternoon, to consider the proposal to erect a new hospital on a larger and more convenient site, in view of the present site being found congested and inadequate for the necessary enlargement. A strong sub-committee was appointed to bring the advantages of the proposal before the various committees in Rangoon and collect funds.

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BOARD FOR SATURDAY, THE 23RD OF DECEMBER, 1916.

BEFORE THE HON. MR. JUSTICE BEAMAN.

In the Division Court No. 53.

SUITS FOR HEARING & FINAL DISPOSAL.

LONG CAUSES.

576-16.—S A Tyabjee, Abdul Rehman bin Abdulla and anr v. Lakshman Yenkoji and anr, Judah and S., Part heard.

CK-POCKET'S FIVE PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS.

Before the Third Presidency Magistrate at the Esplanade Police Court Gafoor Hussain was charged by Deputy Inspector Dyer with stealing a purse containing about Rs. 2, from the person of Keshising Shivasing while going along the Null Bazar Road The accused was sentenced to nine months' rigorous imprisonment, as he had five previous convictions.

BREACH OF PORT REGULATIONS.

Before the Chief Presidency Magistrate at the Esplanade Police Court Nana Ramji, tindal of prow No. 841, was charged with disobeying the orders of the Dock Master and his assistants and thus obstructing the s.s. Ozada from entering the dock; Krishna Mahadev and five other tindals were also charged with fastening their vessels within 30 feet of the s.s. Singer, while she was unloading petroleum. The accused were fined the first Rs. 10 and rest Rs. 12 each.

ILLICIT SALE OF OPIUM.

Before the Third Presidency Magistrate Nadir Futtah, was charged by Excise Inspector Cama with selling 6 lbs. 29 tolas of opium, valued at Rs 169, to one Moti Ludha, without a license. The accused was sentenced to four months' rigorous imprisonment

DEMOCRACY AND EMPIRE.

MR. STEEL-MAITLAND ON FUTURE POLICY.

Mr. Steel-Maitland, M.P., in an address at East Birmingham on November 20th on "The Imperial Situation After the War," said that, while every one was familiar with the contributions of the Dominions in men, few people realized so fully how the material resources of the British Empire had been mobilized for the support of the British and their Allies. Anyone who had read the speeches of Mr. Hughes, the Australian Prime Minister, could not but be struck by the hold which the Germans gained on some of the most important natural products.

When the war came to an end, it was quite clear that they ought to endeavour to put an end to this state of things. There had been three schools of thought up to date, namely, those who considered that all was well and that we need take no active steps in organizing; those who asked for the development of some consultative body; and those who wanted to see a close Imperial organization. He would only suggest to them four of the problems which they had to solve if an organization was to be made. First, if there was to be some form of central government it must be compatible with the most absolute freedom in local affairs of all the Dominions. Secondly they had to study carefully the position of the great Dependency of India. Her advance in population, in manufacture, in natural production, in education, and in all that goes to build up a nation had been exceedingly rapid, and we were faced with the demand for a recognition of that development. Thirdly, they had to settle what was to be the position of the great Crown Colonies and our tropical possessions. Fourthly, besides the constitutional problems just mentioned, what line were they going to take as regarded defence, the cost of that defence, and the conversation of their natural resources?

In the situation that faced them, the Imperial side was one part of a threefold problem; a fair industrial settlement in their domestic affairs was the second; and the problem of bringing home to all of them a knowledge of and a responsibility for the direction of our international policy was the third. To a bureaucracy like Germany these problems presented less difficulties, but in the case of the British this was the first time that a call had been made for a real self-governing democracy to understand and to deal with questions of this kind. He was profoundly convinced that a democracy, growing always in intelligence and knowledge, would only be equal to the task **if it could see through make-believes to** reality. If by self-control and sober judgment it had the power to do so, it would mark a step forward in the whole development of civilization.

The Burma Government has appointed a committee of officials and non-officials with the Commissioner of Police as President, for censoring cinema films.

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Phases of the Moon: New Moon, 25th Dec.

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS.

Races at Mahaluxmi's: First race starts at 2-45 p.m.
Lecture on "The effect of the present war upon human ideals" by Dastur Dr. M. N. Dhalla. Empire Theatre 4-45 p.m. (S. T.)
Excelsior Theatre: Opening of Miss Ada Reeve and her company at 9-30.
The Catholic Ladies' Association Christmas Tree and Tea Party commencing at 5 p.m. in the Instituto Luso Indiano Hall.

TUESDAY, Dec. 26.

The English Mail per s. s. Nagoya will be closed at the General Post Office at 3 p.m. Registered letters will be accepted up to 1 p.m. and parcels up to 12 noon.
Excelsior Theatre: Miss Ada Reeve and her Co., at 9-30.

WEDNESDAY, December 27.

Excelsior Theatre: Miss Ada Reeve and her Co., in "Hobson's Choice," at 9-30.

DAILY.

Excelsior Theatre: Cinema, 6-30 and the "Scamps," at 9-45 p.m.
Empire Cinema: 6-30 and 10 p.m.
Royal Opera House, 6-45 and 10 p.m.
Palace of Varieties: at 6-30 and 10 p.m. every Wednesday, Saturday and Monday, 10 p.m., Show every Sunday at 6-30 at Edwardes.
New Alexandra Cinema, Lohar Chawl, Princess Street.
Olympia Cinema, Sandhurst Road.
West End Cinema, Charni Road: 6-45, 8-30 and 10.
New Alhambra Cinema, Sandhurst Road, 7, 8-45 and 10-30.

1ST BOMBAY TROOP BADEN POWELL BOY SCOUTES.

Orders for the week ending December 30th, 1916:—
Wednesday, December 27th.—Plain clothes parade on Maidan at 5-30 p.m. Tenderfoot and 2nd Class Tests. Cubs—Physical Drill and Games.
Saturday, December 30th.—Uniform parade on Maidan at 4 p.m. Blue shorts and scout hats. Staves to be carried. Compulsory towards yearly efficiency.
Orderlies.—Second Ezekiel, Scout Hirsch.
Leave.—Cub Howard from 23-12-16 to 23-3-17. Cub Ericson from 23-12-16 to 30-12-16.
Decrease.—Cub Hadley having failed to attend six consecutive parades, is struck off the strength.
Subscriptions.—Will those who have not paid their December subscriptions, please report to the A. S. M.
Accoutrements.—Every scout must possess a stave of 5 feet length, and marked in inches and feet. Patrol Leaders to carry the patrol flags on staves.

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BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

Corps Orders by the Hon. Lieut-Col. J. S. Wardlaw-Milne Commanding.

BOMBAY, Dec. 22.

No. 406 Duties—
Duties for the week commencing Sunday 24th instant:—
Orderly Officer for the ensuing week Lieut. W. N. Cartland.
Orderly Officer next for duty Lieut. A. M. Green.
Orderly Sergt. No. 1 Coy. Sergt. E. E. Bellamy.
Orderly Sergt. No. 2 Coy. Sergt. W. Grismhaw.
Orderly Sergt. E. E. Coy. Corpl. R. S. Meyer.
No. 407 Parades—
Friday 29th at 6-30 a.m. at Apollo Bunder Nos. 1 and 2 Coys. will parade for fort manning at Middle Ground.
Friday 29th at 7 a.m. at Headquarters E. E. Coy. Rifle Exercises.
Friday 29th at 7 p.m. at Headquarters E. E. Coy. Rifle Exercises.
No. 408 Leave.
The undermentioned are granted leave of absence as stated below:—
Lieut. A. M. Green, No. 2 Coy., B. V. A., from 26-12-16 to 2-1-17 inclusive.
Sergt. W. A. Niven, No. 1 Coy., B. V. A., from 27-12-16 to 27-2-17 inclusive.
Gnr. A. G. Foox, No. 2 Coy., B. V. A., from 22-12-16 to 29-12-16 inclusive.
No. 409 Enrolment.
No. 1802 Gunner A. Peters having been joined is taken on the strength of the Corps and posted to "A" sub-section, No. 2 Coy., from 15-12-16.

P. H. RETALLACK, Capt.,
Adjutant, Bombay Volunteer Artillery.

NOTICES.

The following team will represent the B. V. A. in a match against the Royal Irish Fusiliers (Garrison Battalion) at Colaba on Sunday 24th instant, commencing at 7-30 a.m.
Lieut. Dunkerley, C. S. M. Clyne, Sergt. Banks, and Sergt. Bellamy.
S. Sgt. Cunninghame, Corpl. Rockley, Gunner Dixon, and Gunner Mooney.
Reserves, Tmprt. Croce, and Sergt. Hainsworth.
Conditions:—Open sights, Figure target, Ranges 200 and 300 yards.
A Dance open to members of the Corps only will be held at Headquarters on 26th instant, at 9-30 p.m.
There will be a Spoon Shoot at Ghat Kopar on Sunday, the 31st instant, Carter Cup Conditions.

COMPETITIONS.

Gwalior Cup.

Open to Volunteer Artillery Corps in India and Burma. Service practice from 6" guns. (For full conditions see page 37 of Corps Annual report for 1911-12).

Gataero Cup.

Open to Nos. 1 & 2 Companies. Each Company to find full group detail. Service practice from 6" guns. 16 rounds per group.
Silver Cups to each competing member of the winning Company.
The above competitions will take place at Middle Ground during Camp.

POONA VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

Corps orders by Lieut.-Col G. K. Walker, C.I.E., Commanding, Poona Volunteer Rifles.

POONA, 22.

1188 Drill and Instruction.—Parades for the week ending 23rd December, 1916:—
At Headquarters—
"B" Company, Friday, at 5-30 p.m. Drill order.
Buglers, Friday and Saturday, at 5-30 p.m.
"B" Company Scouts, Saturday, at 7 a.m.
1189 Musketry.—The Rifle range will be open for Class firing at 7-30 a.m. daily except Thursdays and Sundays until further orders. Members wishing to fire should send in their names to the Headquarter office two days beforehand.
1190 Miniature range.—Friday, Miniature Rifle Club at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.
1191 Camp of Exercise.—It is notified for information that the Annual Camp of Exercise will be held at Ganeshkhind from 13th to 23rd Jany. 1917, both days inclusive.
Members who require uniform, boots, etc. should apply to Headquarters at once, as no issue will be made in Camp.
1192.—Holiday.—The Headquarter office and range will be closed from Sunday 24th to Thursday 28th December and from Sunday 31st Dec. 1916 to Tuesday 2nd January 1917 on account of X'mas and New year holidays except for urgent work.
1193.—Range.—The Rifle range will be closed from 11th to 24th January 1917 during Camp of Exercise.

(Sd.) A. R. KEARSEY, 2/Lieut.
Adjutant Poona Vol. Rifles.

BAND AT THE BOMBAY RACES.

By kind permission of Colonel T. W. Bonner V. D., and Officers, the Band of the 1st Battn., G. I. P. Railway Volunteers, will play this evening a programme of music, under the direction of Mr. Hugh B. Mitchell, Band Master, commencing at 2-30.

BAND AT THE ESPLANADE.

By kind permission of the Officers, the Band at the 1st Battn., B.B. & C.I Railway Vols., will play the following Programme under the direction of Mr. W. S. Walcott at Esplanade Bandstand this evening, commencing at 6.

March—Territorial ..... Klankenburg.
Overture—Lustspiel ..... Keler Bela.
Vise—The Fairest in the Land ... Ancliffe.
Selection—The Belle of Bohemia Englander.
Piccolos Duet—Two Little Finches ...Kling.
Selection—Folk-Songs of Italy .....
.....Rampezzotti.
Serenade—At Eventide ..... Hume.
Two step—Mandy on the Mash ... Thurban.

YOUNG THEISTS' UNION.

There will be an (informal) conversational meeting to-morrow (Sunday), at 8-30 a.m., in the R. M. Ashram (Prarthana Samaj), Girgaon.

LUSITANIAN SPORTING CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the Lusitanian Sporting Club will be held to-morrow, at 11 a.m., in the Goan Union School, Dabul.

MAILS FOR MESOPOTAMIA EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Mails for the Mesopotamia Expeditionary Force, Mohomerah and Busra will be closed at the Bombay General Post Office at 10 a. m.

POSTAL HOLIDAY.

Monday the 25th December being Christmas day will be observed as a Post Office Holiday. All Post Offices in Bombay will observe on that day the same working hours, as on Sundays.

ENGLISH MAIL POSTINGS.

The English Mail per s.s. Nagoya will be closed at the General Post Office at 3 p.m. on Tuesday next. Registered letters will be accepted up to 1 p.m. and parcels up to 12 noon. Postings at the Town Sub-Offices will be regulated so as to reach the General Post Office before the above mentioned hours.

BHATIA HIGH SCHOOL.

The Mathuradas Karsandas Nath Bhatia High School was visited by the Educational Inspector, C. D., Deputy Educational Inspector, Bombay, and the Science Inspector and upon the equipment of the school being found satisfactory the school has been duly recognized by the Department of Public Instruction.

SHOCKING TRAGEDY IN A LIFT.

Dr. W. Nunan, Acting Corner, held an inquest yesterday, at the Coroner's Court, touching the death of Pandu Tatu, a labourer, aged about sixty years. It appeared from the evidence that during the absence of the liftman, at the Fazulbhoy Mills on Thursday, somebody raised the lift to the third floor. The door of the lift on the second floor was left open and the deceased who was engaged in moving boxes on a trolly into the lift, moved into it under the impression that the cage was on. He fell into the pit of the lift and when taken out he was found dead. It further appeared that it was usual for workmen not to wait for the lift-man but to work the lift themselves. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death and added a rider that the jurors were of opinion that such lifts should be provided with automatic gates and that it should not be possible for anyone but the proper lift-man to set the lift in motion.

INDIAN NATIONAL SOCIAL CONFERENCE.

DELEGATES FROM BOMBAY.

The Bombay Presidency Social Reform Association has elected 23 delegates to the ensuing session of the 30th Indian National Social Conference to be held at Lucknow on 27th December. Amongst the number of delegates are:—Sir N. G. Chandavarkar, the Hon. Mr. G. K. Parekh, Messrs. L. R. Tairsi, M. R. Jayakar, G. K. Devadhar, K. M. Javeri, N. M. Joshi, T. A. Kulkarni, D. G. Dalvi and others.

BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

SITE ON THE COOPERAGE FOR MR. GOKHALE'S STATUE.

An ordinary meeting of the Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Bombay was held last evening, Mr. J. P. Orr presiding.

Sir Ibrahim Rahimtoolah moved that: "The Chairman be requested to state whether it is a fact that all the petitions, memorials and representations addressed to the Secretary or the Chairman are not placed befre the Board. If the answer is in the affirmative he be further requested to report on what principles the discrimination is made and what is his legal authority to do so."

The Chairman said that most of the petitions which were of a trival nature were not generally placed before the Board for their consideration except the important ones.

The motion was adopted.

Consideration was then given to a letter from the Hon. Secretaries, the G. K. Gokhale Memorial Fund, for a site on the Cooperage opposite the Ladies' Gymkhana for the erection of the statue. As the plot selected, which was in the north-west corner, came in the way of the promenade, the matter was referred to the Engineer for further action.

MR. SAMSON RESIGNS.

The Board then considered a letter from Mr. D. J. Samson, tendering his resignation, and stating that he had incurred expenses considerably over Rs. 20,000 in the Police Court case. He now asked that he should be allowed the balance of his pay from the date of his suspension to the date of his resignation.

As the letter had not been fully circulated, it was resolved to bring the question for consideration in the ordinary course.

HERO OF THE AIR.

WONDERFUL EXPLOIT OF FRENCH "STAR ACE."

Mr. Henry Wood, permanent correspondent of the United Press of America with the French armies, writes: Lieut. Guynemer, the "Star Ace" of the entire French Aerial Service, who recently brought down his twenty-first German airplane, established at the same time a new world's record for aerial combats, the air duel having taken place at an altitude of over two miles and after a chase of over seventy kilometres.

The entire battle was one of the most dramtic air episodes that the entire war has produced. The undisputed mastery of the air by the French which now renders it practically impossible for a German machine ever to cross the French lines has imposed on the French flyers the necessity of flying far back of the German lines in order to get in conact with the German machines.

It was while on one of these hunts that Guynemer, flying at an altitude of over 13,000 feet and at a distance of over 70 kilometres behind the German lines, sighted a German squadron of two observation aeroplanes, with an escort of two fighting machines, heading for the French lines. There was nothing to prevent Guynemer giving immediate battle except the fact the in the event he should be forced to land he would fall within the German lines and be taken prisoner.

He therefore took refuge behind some friendly clouds until the German squadron should pass ahead of him, and then started the pursuit from behind, closing up sufficiently so that if he should be seen by the German anti-aircraft gunners from below he would be taken merely for one of the escorting German aeroplanes.

For several kilometres he kept up the pursuit, concealing himself as much as possible from the German machines by keeping behind the clouds. Then when the French lines at last appeared below him he emerged in full view and began the fight. The German machine nearest him chanced to be an observation plane, and darting on it he opened his machine-gun, fire at an altitude of 3,600 metres, or just two miles.

With unerring aim he killed the observer with his third bullet, and with the tenth the pilot likewise shot out from the machine killed, the plane at the same time beginning its whirling giddy course down towards the French lines. Although the machine was the second one Guynemer had brought down that day he at once started after the other three, but they in the meantime had all disappeared, having apparently turned back at his very first shot. Without further ado Guynemer started in search of his victims, and succeeded in locating the machine in the ravine of Mocourt, the plane itself shattered into fragments and the bodies of both the pilot and observer lying within a radius of sixty yards. The fight was witnessed by members of the American squadron who are now stationed where they have the advantage of witnessing some of the exploits of most of the crack "Aces" of the French Aerial Service.

HUMANITARIANS AT LUCKNOW.

Under the combined auspicious of the Bombay Humanitarian Fund and the All India Jain Association of Lucknow, a public meeting will be held at Lucknow on Monday next under the presidentship of Mr. B. G. Horniman. Messrs. M. K. Gandhi, N. B. Vibhakar, Chhaganlal P. Nanavaty and other speakers of the All India Association will address the meeting on "Humanitarian Progress in India."

As Mr. Lallubhai Gulabchand Jhaveri, Honorary Manager, the Bombay Humanitarian Fund, is detained in Bombay, Mr. Chhaganlal P. Nanavati will leave for Lucknow by the special train of the Congress Delegates to-night.

Official and Personal.

His Excellency the Viceroy accompanied by Lady Chelmsford and Staff, arrived at Calcutta from Burma yesterday evening. On arrival their Excellencies were received by their Excellencies Lord and Lady Carmichael. Their Excellencies then drove to Government House.

Lord and Lady Willingdon are expected to visit Karachi on the 7th January next.

Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Willingdon accompanied by Miss Egerton, Captains MacEwan and Laverton, A.D.C.'s, dined with H. H. the Nizam of Hyderabad at Nepean House yesterday evening.

Lt.-Colonel J. C. Bruce-Kingsmill and the Misses Bruce-Kingsmill have left, and Commander Turton and Mr. W. L. B. Souter have arrived at Government House.

Mr. A. St. Valentine Jayewardene, Barrister-at-Law. President of the Ceylon National Association and Mrs. Jayewardene are staying at the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel. They intend touring Northern India.

CHILDREN'S PARTY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

The Children's Party at Goernment House, Bombay, yesterday, was a great success, over a hundred youngsters who were accompanied by their parents, spending a most pleasant afternoon. The hosts, their Excellencies Lord and Lady Willingdon, had left no stone unturned to provide all sorts of games to amuse their young guests, who seemed to enjoy everything thoroughly. On arrival the youngsters were provided with refreshments, after which they were taken to the sands were a number of games were provided for their amusement, including boating, and where H. E. the Governor's Band played selections. Their Excellencies were present throughout and saw that their guests had an excellent time of it. This the youngsters undoubtedly had, which was evident from the happy faces with which they took leave of their hosts.

GAZETTE OF INDIA.

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HOME DEPARTMENT.

The services of Mr. C. A. Souter, I.C.S., officiating Commissioner of Coorg, are replaced at the disposal of the Government of Madras.

Major G. Tate, I.M.S., is appointed temporarily to be Civil Surgeon, Simla (East).

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT

Mr. S. H. Slater, I.C.S., is placed on special duty in the Department of Commerce and Industry.

Mr. A. H. Ley, I.C.S., has reverted to his appointment as Deputy Secretary in this Department and the Hon. Mr. H. F. Howard, is appointed sub *pro tem* Secretary, vice Mr. C. E. Low.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. J. J. Latta has been posted Assistant Accountant-General and Currency Officer, Rangoon.

Mr. A. C. Anthony has been posted as Deputy-Accountant-General, Burma.

Mr. Tajauddin Malak, Assistant Accountant-General, Punjab, is posted Currency Officer, vice Mr. A. S. Cockburn granted privilege leave for six weeks.

ARMY DEPARTMENT.

The undermentioned Warrant Officer to be 2nd-Lieutenant, Cannaught Rangers, Company-Sergt. Major J. P. Whelan.

The undermentioned Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers to be 2nd-Lieutenants, Royal Regiment of Artillery, Battery-Quartermaster Sergt. F. Price, Battery-Sergt. Major E. Prior, Sergt. W. Lewis, Bombardier H. J. Terry, Battery Sergt. Major A. Thomas Watts, Company-Sergt. Major Instructor J. Gerigo, Sergt. E. Claxton.

Captain E. O. Hogan, Royal Garrison Artillery, Supply and Trnsport Corps, is admitted to the Indian Army.

The following gentlemen are appointed to Indian Army Reserve of Officers. Cavalry Branch. To be Lieut.,—E. H. Thirkell White. To be 2nd-Lieut.,—T. E. Riddle. Infantry Branch. To be 2nd-Lieuts.,—R. W. J. Mayles, C. J. Fitzpatrick, J. G. Howard, P. C. Hogan, M. G. Mnsfield, E. L. L. Garstin, S. G. Vaughan, E. St. John Hebberd.

2nd-Lieut. Frank Currie Lowis, G.I.E., Indian Army Reserve of Officers, is granted the temporary rank of Lieutenant.

The appointment of Horace Graham Wyatt as a 2nd-Lieut. of the Infantry Branch of the Indian Army Reserve of Officers is cancelled.

2nd-Lieut. J. S. McKill, I.A.R.O. resigned the service.

Deputy Commissionary and Honourary Captain J. Hanley is retained in service after the age of 55 years.

The following Volunteer appointments and promotions have been announced: Lucknow Rifles.—Lieut. F. Burton to be Captain, 2nd-Lieut. F. P. Tarran to be Lieut. vice F. Burton promoted. F. A. Hilborn to be 2nd-Lieut. vice F. P. Tarran promoted.

East Bengal Rifles,—R. S. Finlow to be 2nd-Lieutenant.

Colonel W. Sutherland V. D. to be Commandant of Rangoon Rifles Corps.

Commander W. S. Huddleston, Royal Indian Marine, retires from service.

The Anglo-Indian Empire League Conference will be held at Jhansi from the 28th to 31st instant.

The total approximate earnings of State and guaranteed railways from 1st April to 9th December are more by Rs. 4,24,90,299 than the figures for the corresponding period of 1915.

With reference to the Duke of Norfolk's appeal for Christmas Day help from India Belgian children, Mr. Metcalfe, I.C.S., Viceroy's Camp India, will act as General Treasure and subscriptions should be sent to him.

RACING NOTES.

TO-DAY'S EVENTS.

Starting at 2-45, as on last Saturday, a similar septenary card, with many of the same horses running again, is to provide the various conundrums out of which a certain amount of entertainment and an uncertain amount of profit are to be derived this afternoon.

Instead of two teams races there will however only be one. East Court and Black Hussar who finished 1st and 2nd last week, are to try conclusions again with an extra furlong to go; and, although this increase of distance to be covered is not in any way favourable to the former, it is not expected that it will be sufficient to warrant any fear that the positions, as regards these two will be reversed this time. On the other hand there is, in Money Gold, at least one new factor which easily eclipses the prospect of either of the two horses mentioned.

Bunty, Triple Alliance and Kim like little Oliver are all three asking for a second helping in the Xmas Plate and it is for those who saw what they should have seen to judge which of the three was finishing best at their last rencontre and which therefore is the likeliest to score on the half-again extra ground to go.

The favourites for the 5-furlong straight will probably be Waynflete and Corridor. On his win in Poona, after getting away very poorly from the machine, the first-named should certainly be the more likely of the two, but one feels bound to mention that the same well-known and popular sportsman who dreamt last week that a horse of Mr. Heath's would win the first race of the season has now been made aware in similar manner that "5" will be the winning number in the straight all-the-way event. As, however, in spite of this gilt-edged inspiration, he would not accept less than ten to one about its consummation, the bet taken by the incredulous confidant to whom he generously transmitted the presage, looms somewhat threateningly on his horizon. Dorian is also talked of as being in the running.

For the Stockton Plate Pension is well-fancied, but Airman will surely have to be reckoned with and Megale must not be lost sight of.

The Elphinstone Plate brings to mind that there is a second straight-all-way race and the Number 5 may refer to this one—in which case Saood would come into the picture. Apart from this, the general impression is that Mat-hat-Baig will be the right one and Hurchan thereabouts.

Coming to the Byculla Plate, Refusal is being up served pretty warm and Angler, Jemadar and Najdi are sure to have many supporters so that if Shailan contrives to complete the hat trick, which considering how comfortably he won, there is no valid reason why he shouldn't those who follow him up again, are likely once more to obtain a fair return for their money.

On track timing and form the second division of this event should be a gift for Subbiaca, but this horse has not so far shewn that he can repeat this form in a race and of the others Hudban, Tawakul and the outsider Salim are worth keeping an eye on for indications of condition or support from the right quarters.

In spite of Magyar's unconvincing form in the Wellesley Plate in Calcutta last Saturday, his connections appear to be by no means unhopeful of a win next Tuesday. In fact they are, so one hears, entirely satisfied as to holding Kiltoi safe—and this, in most people's minds, would mean anything else in the race as well.

GERMAN TERRORS.

AS SHOWN IN CAPTURED SOLDIERS' LETTERS.

Perhaps the best index as to what the Germans are thinking of the war and its development on the Somme is to be had in the letters they write to friends at home and the diaries they keep.

A soldier in the 66th Infantry Regiment writes: "For almost a week this awful heavy artillery has been bombarding our back lines. With one interval from nine to midnight the English have been sending over heavy shells day and night without pause. The dug-out shakes, creaks, and trembles. Now the entrance has just again been destroyed. Always this nerve-racking anxiety."

As to the war in general: "The war is a low, scoundrelly affair," writes a member of the 3rd Ersatz Regiment. . . "The German Government deceives the people. One sees it very clearly in this wholesale murder. One can hardly help being ashamed of being a German since we put up with this. We must turn our rifles round and destroy the whole Government. That gang have caused us to be killed! Remember this if I don't come back, dear Greta. It is already quite clear that Germany is losing and getting into a horrible state."

A German soldier's letter written in shorthand says: "Dear friend, it is a terrible time for me. My own personal woe does not trouble me much. I have had for a great time doubts as to the result of the war, and for this I have very good reason. No doubt you heard how things went at Thiepval. I can tell you that for us it was absolutely crushing. In my view every German soldier, from the highest General to the meanest soldier, has the feeling that Germany has lost the first great battle. I myself could eat nothing for eight days; and then the great submarine campaign and the friction with America—what disillusionment we have to suffer! For a soldier's heart every moment is hellish torture."

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ENGLAND AND INDIA.

We have received an advance copy of the brochure entitled "Self-Government for India: Under the British Flag", which the Hon. Mr. Srinivasa Sastri, President of the Servants of India Society has prepared. The brochure is an able, moderate, reasoned and, withal, emphatic plea for a cause which, second to the prosecution of the war, is uppermost in the feelings and thoughts of every patriotic Indian. Mr. Sastri characteristically describes this pamphlet as "a loving and reverent offering", if "crude and with many shortcomings", "laid at the feet of the Mother." We think the note of apology might well have been omitted.

Even a casual reading of his thesis will be enough to show that the hope expressed by him that "maybe it (the pamphlet) will help in making her cause better understood and leading her sons to think more earnestly of it" is sure to be realised. For Mr. Sastri's presentment of the case for India is at once cogent and forcible. Nor is he content with merely expressing his own opinions. He supports his views by quotations from a number of representative Western authorities,—which while perhaps rather trying to the advanced reader, will be an invaluable help to the many who, "at every step of unfamiliar ground, would like their judgment fortified by the authority of great names." The publication of Mr. Sastri's pamphlet on the eve of the meetings of the National Congress and the Moslem League is timely and should be welcome. It must tend to stimulate the minds of many of his educated countrymen whose thoughts are pulsating with the aspirations of a new and higher national destiny. The pamphlet would also serve another not less useful purpose. It constitutes a commentary on the memorandum already submitted by nineteen elected members of the Viceroy's Council, peculiarly seasonable in view of the joint-scheme shortly to be adopted by the Congress and the League. We get a suggestive insight into Mr. Sastri's method by the manner in which he introduces his subject. "In April 1855, with much misgiving and amid the gloomy forebodings of his countrymen," he begins,

"Cavour sent an army of 15,000 men to aid France and England in the Crimean war. It was a great risk for the little State of Piedmont, but a creditable campaign would bring it a place amog the great nations of Europe Luckily, the army distinguished itself for gallantry and discipline. When next year Cavour visited Louis Napolean he asked him the fateful question, "What can be done for Italy?" And at the Conference of Paris, notwithstanding the opposition of Austria, Italy was admitted on equal terms with the other Powers and her wrongs secured a hearing from them."

The subsequent development of the parallel is natural and effective. The intuition, amounting to genius, which moved Lord Hardinge to despatch an Indian expeditionary force to the fields of Flanders within a few weeks of the outbreak of the world-war is abundantly justified to-day. "The gallant Indian Army has not only covered itself with distinction, but won for India a position in the British Empire which decades of diplomacy and agitation could not have won." Mr. Sastri recalls the glowing words of admiration and appreciation with which English statesmen vied with one another in acknowledging the "spontaneous" and splendid rally of India to the Empire. One may recall the note struck by Lord Crewe who said:

"I for my part would like also to think that the association of India and of the Colonies at such a gathering as that is a significant sign of the essential comprehension which, as the years roll on, will, I fully believe, sweep away all these obstacles of distance, of creed, or of race which seemed to interfere with the complete union of the different members of the great Imperial confederation,—a union which will hinge upon the free activities of each and which will be finally based upon a common belief in the progress of the whole."

In the first outburst of wonderment and gratitude, Mr. Sastri recalls, leaders of opinion in England, heedless of Anglo-India, expressed a clear desire to accord to India a political status equal to that of her sister nations in the Empire, with the result that expectation in India rose to a high pitch. The voice of controversy of every kind was hushed by common consent "not merely to impress on the enemy the strength of the Imperial sentiment in this country, but as a symbol of the new spirit of perfect concord and unity of purpose." The spell, however, was soon broken, and the process of disillusionment for the Indian people began. "India", to quote Mr. Sastri, "figured less and less in the plans of re-construction that the great organs of public opinion in England put forward now and again, and Ministers of State began to observe in reference to this country a caution and restraint in glaring contrast with the exuberance of their earlier utterances, as though they had been admonished for their imprudence by the gathering forces of reaction." The Dominions advanced a claim to, and have almost won, a voice in the determination of Imperial affairs. The place of India in this large scheme cannot fail to be present in the minds of politicians who discuss the subject with any seriousness. "It gets, however, a disproportionately small share of their attention. No wonder the public mind of the country is in a state of sore uneasiness." If, therefore, the leaders of Indian opinion remained silent any longer, the impression might gain ground abroad that India would remain content with her present position in the Empire or with such slight constitutional advance as British statesmen in their generosity might offer. They however, cannot, and are resolved not to, remain silent, but are anxious to voice forth, loyally but emphatically, the united demand of the country for an honourable place in the Empire. With the new humiliation involved in the prospect of the Dominions being allowed to share in the future Government of India staring them in the face, "their only shield," as Mr. Sastri truly says, is "the attainment of self-government under the British flag." For, "once mistress of her own destinies, India will know how to hold her own among the nations that owe allegiance to the British Crown." And this elevation should be accomplished or at least promised before the edifice of the renovated Empire is completed. Mr. Sastri then proceeds to state the various objections urged against the claim of India and meets them with the logic of facts. He shows and gives chapter and verse for his contentions that when the Colonies were granted responsible government they had not reached a higher standard of fitness than India has now attained. As to the argument of fitness itself, he demonstrates how the Indian States are a standing witness of the fact that, self-government, in the sense of the power to develop an indigenous polity and find an indigenous agency to maintain it, has always been with us. Whether in high executive or military office, in the Legislative Councils, in municipalities and local boards,—meagre though the opportunities have been,—Indians, according to the admission of British statesmen and administrators themselves, have vindicated their claims. To those who, while admitting the potential fitness of Indians to govern themselves, counsel eternal patience,—for the present, as they will tell you, Mr. Sastri gives the only reply possible, viz., that "the highest and most useful part of education is self-education; that the people of India will become fit for self-rule only by practising self-rule." There is no other way. Mr. Sastri is, however, at his best when from principles he turns to their particular application to conditions in India and, after outlining the scheme of reform that is to be confirmed at Lucknow next week, he analyses the criticisms that have been levelled against it and answers them. He concludes by raising the question that is seldom frankly stated. Is it probable that the type of Anglo-Saxon who has come to believe that his special mission is to dominate, or as he prefers to call it, to elevate the so-called weaker races of the world, will willingly renounce the power that has come into his hands? Or will England, the home of freedom, give the lie to Mill's dictum that all men love power more than liberty? Mr. Sastri with his reasoning and robust faith brushes aside all doubts. With him, as with every true student, "a broad survey of the history of England leaves the impression that, despite great lapses, the spirit of her civilization is a love of free institutions for all. . . . The great heart of England has ever beaten in sympathy with struggling peoples whether it be in revolted America, revolutionary France, Italy, Greece or Belgium." True, history has no exact parallel to comfort us. "But why," asks Mr. Sastri, "may it not be our good fortune to be, within this world-wide Empire, the first non-British people to obtain self-government by peaceful and constitutional methods only?" And, after all, as Mr. Gokhale once said, the history of the world is not finished, many chapters have yet to be added to it. The war, whether we will it or no, will add many: let this be one of them.

THE MAN WHO PAYS THE PIPER.

There is perhaps no more pernicious fallacy than that which was trotted out with extraordinary gusto, not to say truculence, at the debate in the Senate on Thursday, by Dr. Arthur Powell. It is an old fallacy claiming the most respectable ancestry, and the wide ramifications of its influence in every-day administration are patent enough. Dr. Powell's right to speak for the unfortunate people of Behar and Orissa may be put on one side; but he certainly gave an energetic exhibition of the fallacy that because Government allots the money, *ergo*, the people should have nothing to do both with the objects upon which the largess is bestowed and the manner of its distribution. Dr. Powell poured ridicule upon the Bombay Senate for presuming to criticise the proposed constitution of a University which had received no large endowments from "the many public spirited inhabitants of Behar and Orissa" and whose example, he anticipated, would be followed by the members of the Bombay Senate who, although "so overflowing with sympathy with those people," were not likely to add huge sums of money to the Beharee donations,—such huge sums of money, in fact, that the endowment of the Government of Behar and Orissa would appear a mere pittance before it! The delightful sentiment is credibly reported to have been received with "laughter", which we take to be another instance of receiving with laughter what was wanting in wit. According to Dr. Powell, "the man who paid the piper had the right to call the tune, and as long as the Government financed the proposed University, they (in the Senate) must accept it despite the "retrograde character" (imputed to it). It may seem to Dr. Powell an altogether irrelevant issue, but it may be asked, who pays the man who pays the piper? Would it be very disrespectful to suggest that the man who pays the piper is the Beharee or Indian, that the piper is the Behar Government as symbolised by the proposed University, and that the piper must play the tune that the man who pays him calls for?

That these little points should have escaped the humouristic analysis of Dr. Powell is not to be wondered at. The fallacy underlying the argument is that the piper is the man who matters, not the man who pays the piper. Dr. Powell was called in to advise the man who pays the piper, and he says, in effect, that the piper can call any tune he likes (or his underlings like), irrespective of the wishes, tastes or inclinations of the man who pays the piper. It undoubtedly fits in with the Curzonian dispensation that the man who pays the piper is the most negligible person of all. Lord Curzon constituted his Senates on the principle that worth makes the man and the want of it the,—Fellow. It was the consecration in the field of education of the principle that the man who pays the piper ought to have no concern either with the piper or his tune. This was entirely in accord, with the governing principle of Lord Curzon's rule that the administration should be scrupulously organised without the slightest reference to the principle of popular control. Well, we have moved further and further away from Curzonian ideals and practices, and we feel sure that the total disruption of the educational system Lord Curzon founded cannot long be delayed. One interesting fact may be cited in proof of our assertion. In an able memorandum presented to Sir Sankaran Nair by the Madras Mahajana Sabha, the amendment of the Universities Act is urged so as to provide that, in the Madras University, the majority of the Fellows in the Senate shall be elected by the registered graduates and others representing educational interests in the Presidency; and that the position of the Syndicate should be clearly defined in the constitution of the University, as a Committee of the Senate and responsible thereto. That is the ideal towards which all the older Universities are striving.

That this ideal goes wholly and decisively against Curzonian ideals does not matter in the least. It is not surprising, therefore, that there is such strong feeling against the proposed constitution of the Patna University which carries the principle of officialisation beyond all known limits. It is the first University of the type of residential Universities the country favours, and its proposed constitution has been viewed with vehement disfavour both in Behar itself and outside. However eager men like Dr. Powell may be disposed to overlook the fact, it is clear that the ideal suggested by the officialisation of the Patna University is entirely abhorrent to Indian opinion. The man who pays the piper has the right to call the tune.

Notes of the Day.

The Premier's Message.

Mr. Lloyd George, we are pleased to note, has hastened to rectify the glaring omission of any reference to India in his otherwise great speech of Tuesday. The message he sends through the Viceroy to the Princes and people of India will be received, we need hardly say, in the spirit in which it is conceived. While acknowledging the "splendid contributions to the common cause already made by her Princes and peoples," the Prime Minister is rightly confident that India is determined to tread the path to final victory side by side with Great Britain and the rest of the Empire, and share fully in the further services and sacrifices that might be called for. We cannot help thinking, however, that Mr. Lloyd George's appeal would have come with irresistible force and grace, if he had thought fit to make a just and suitably encouraging reference to India what time he discoursed to the House on the evolution of the new collective Imperial responsibility that the war has brought in its train. But it was "Dominions," "Dominions," all the way. Yet, there is, in the words of his own message, "the splendid contributions to the common cause already made by the Princes and peoples of India." At least Mr. Lloyd George need not have succumbed to the species of "funk" that Anglo-India has made its own.

President Wilson on Peace.

Dr. Wilson has perpetrated another Note,—which has been followed by two explanatory statements by Mr. Lansing. While no one doubts his good intentions (we know how they pave a certain highway), it would seem that he has selected an unfortunate moment for his indiscretion. After the categorical manner in which England, through her new Prime Minister, together with the rest of the Alliance, has rejected and exposed the latest German "offer" as a hollow sham, it is hard to see by what process of reasoning Mr. Wilson has convinced himself that "the opportunity is propitious for a comparison of views between the belligerents regarding the terms which must precede the conclusion of ultimate peace." Is he too proud to see through the clumsy German device for gaining time?

A Lord Roberts Memorial.

We publish elsewhere an appeal on behalf of as worthy a memorial as any that even this war, with its manifold movements of far-reaching mercy, has brought before public notice. The Lord Roberts Memorial Workshops are intended to serve the double purpose of providing an adequate and suitable memorial to the great Field-Marshal and, in full accord with his own wishes in the matter, to serve the permanent well-being of those soldiers and sailors who have been permanently disabled in the service of the Empire. We are well aware of the almost excessive strain that has been put upon the resources of the patriotic and the charitable through the exigencies of the war; but, none the less, we would commend to the public the appeal on behalf of the "Empire's Tribute to Lord Roberts" as one having special claims on their attention.

Not a "Beastly Place."

The "Daily News" has published the following interesting extract from the letter of an officer serving in Mesopotamia:—

Don't allow anyone to get the idea that this country is an infernal place. The hardships of the troops are due to service conditions. Compare it, say, with Lucknow; that is supposed to be a very good station, though of course it is very hot in the hot weather. This place gets hotter than Lucknow in the day, but I do not think there were ever such hot nights as we had there for several weeks on end. With the sort of arrangements for water, housing, sanitation, etc., here that we had at Lucknow it would, on the whole, I think, be a much better place to live in; and it would be a very bad thing if the Government's future policy about Mesopotamia were influenced by the idea that it is a "beastly place" which naturally gets abroad.

DR. WILSON'S AMAZING ACTION.

ATTEMPT AT INTERVENTION.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S MESSAGE TO INDIA.

DR. WILSON'S NOTE TO BELLIGERENTS.

INTERCHANGE OF VIEWS SUGGESTED.

PROPITIOUS OPPORTUNITY.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.
Reed 8-45 p.m., Dec. 22.

Dr. Wilson has cabled to all belligerents and neutrals suggesting that the opportunity is propitious for a comparison of views between the belligerents regarding the terms which must precede the conclusion of ultimate peace. He emphasises that he does not propose a peace note or even mediation but is merely taking soundings.

LATER.

Mr. Lansing has issued a statement explaining Dr. Wilson's note. He declared that the situation for neutrals was becoming increasingly critical and the United States itself was being drawn near to the verge of war.

NEED TO DEFINE TERMS OF PEACE.

INTOLERABLE POSITION OF NEUTRALS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 21.
Recd 8-45 p.m., Dec. 22.

Dr. Wilson's note has been issued here. Dr. Wilson hopes that the Government will consider the action suggested in the friendliest spirit. He is somewhat embarrassed to offer the suggestion at present because it may seem to be prompted by the recent overtures by the Central Powers but it is in no way associated with them. He would have delayed his suggestion till those overtures were answered except that he has the same object in view.

President Wilson expresses his willingness to take the initiative but he has no desire to determine the method or instrumentality. He calls attention to the fact that the objects which all belligerent statesmen have declared that they have in mind, are virtually the same and the United States is as vitally interested in measures to be taken to secure the future of world peace as the belligerents. The concrete objects for which the war is being waged have never been definitely stated.

The Note suggests that the belligerents should now avow their desires in regard to arrangements for guarantee against a future war and Dr. Wilson feels it is his duty and right to point out that interest in the conclusion of the war is the test.

The situation of neutral nations is now exceedingly hard to endure and will be rendered altogether intolerable. He submits that authoritative spokesmen on either side have not owed the precise objects which, if attained, would satisfy them. The world is left to conjecture what definitive result, actual exchange of guarantees, political and territorial changes or readjustents at this stage of military success even would end the war. He speculates upon the possibility of the belligerents' terms being not so irreconcilable as feared and the possibility that an interchange of views would clear the way for a conference.

BRITISH PRESS COMMENTS.

SURPRISE AND PAIN.

(REUTER'S SPECIAL WAR SERVICE.)
LONDON, Dec. 22.
Recd 11-55 p.m., Dec. 22.

Surprise and pain rather than indignation are the sentiments expressed by the English newspapers at Dr. Wilson's note.

They do not doubt Dr. Wilson's sincerity in attempting to be impartial towards the belligerents but they are astonished at his placing Germany on a par with the Allies as regards the objects of the war. The utterances of Lincoln and Seward on the Civil War with regard to a premature peace and intervention, are generally recalled as the best model for the Allies' attitude now.

U. S. NEUTRALITY.

NO CHANGE OF POLICY.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.
Recd. 8-45 p.m., Dec. 22.

Late in the day Mr. Lansing, after conference with the Wilson issued another statement designed, as he said, to make clear beyond question that there had been no change in the policy of neutrality of the United States.

U. S. OFFICIAL WORLD SURPRISED.

(REUTER'S SPECIAL WAR SERVICE.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.
Recd 11-55 p.m., Dec. 22.

Dr. Wilson's note has surprised the official world. None of the Ambassadors apparently had any idea of his intention.

Mr. Lansing in the course of his statement said: "We are mindful of our own rights in despatching the note. These are becoming more and more involved and we are entitled to know what each belligerent seeks in order to regulate our future conduct. We only decided to send the note on the 18th December."

PREMIER'S REPLY TO GERMANY.

ACCEPTANCE OF WHOLE UNITED KINGDOM.

SIR JOHN SIMON'S SPEECH IN COMMONS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 21.
Received 12-10, Dec. 22.

Sir John Simon expressed the desire to voice the acceptance of the whole United Kingdom of the Prime Minister's speech of the 19th instant. The German Note contained no terms lending themselves to consideration and a communication was in no wise a peace proposal. The Prime Minister had not slammed the door against peace.

The nation agreed it would be an unpardonable crime to allow the war to continue one unnecessary hour, and deepest treachery, by fighting or otherwise, to falter in securing essentially the defensive and unaggressive objects for which we had entered the war.

GERMANY CANNOT BE TRUSTED.

MR. BONAR LAW ON GUARANTEES.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 22.
Received 2-30 p.m. Dec. 22.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law, who followed Sir John Simon, said that the nation was suffering terrible agony because it had trusted Germany, and it asked could promise of peace be more binding than the treaty protecting the neutrality of Belgium. What would be the position, if peace were settled on the German basis of a victorious army. The dangers and miseries from which the world was suffering could only be cured by making the Germans realise that frightfulness did not pay and that militarism was a bad rule. We were fighting for security and for peace in coming times. The war was being fought in vain unless it ensured that no single man or group of men were able to plunge the world into the miseries of war.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH.

CORDIAL APPROVAL OF FRENCH PRESS.

(REUTER'S SPECIAL WAR SERVICE.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.
Recd 11-55 p.m., Dec. 22.

The French press cordially approves of Mr. Lloyd George's speech and does not doubt that the Allied reply will be in the same spirit.

The German comments hereto received are moderate in tone. The newspapers remark that at present at any rate there appears a very great gulf between the British and German standpoints. They assert with regard to reparation that Germany was not responsible for the war, that she has not broken international laws and she is not defeated.

GERMAN PEACE TERMS.

TO BE COMMUNICATED CONFIDENTIALLY.

(REUTER'S SPECIAL WAR SERVICE.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.
Recd 11-55 p.m., Dec. 22.

Mr. Lloyd George's speech is construed as leaving the door open for negotiations.

Count Bernstorff is credited with the remark: "That sounds as if they would not refuse to talk peace." The German officials expect that von Bethmann-Hollweg will confidentially communicate the peace terms to the British Government.

GERMANY'S ASPIRATIONS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.
Recd 11-45 p.m., Dec. 22.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" in an inspired article indicates that Germany desires the reduction of British naval supremacy, rearrangement of Continental Europe on the basis of the present war poaition and colonial settlement satisfying the German ambitions for expansion.

ALLIES' NEW NOTE TO GREECE.

THE PRINCIPAL DEMANDS.

ENQUIRY INTO RECENT DISTURBANCES.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 21.
Received 12-10 p.m., Dec. 22.

Reuter learns that the Allies' new Note to Greece is expected to be delivered today. The principal demands are prohibition of the reservists' meetings, the Allied control of posts, telegraphs and railways, release of imprisoned Venizelists and an enquiry into the disturbances of the 1st and 2nd December by a mixed commission.

THE BLOCKADE OF GREECE.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
LAHORE Dec. 22.

A "Civil and Military Gazette" cable says:—

The "Messagero's" correspondent in Athens says that two Greek sailing ships attempting to land cargoes of bread have been sunk off Piraeus.

FOUR ENEMY AEROPLANES BROUGHT DOWN.

SUCCESSFUL FRENCH BOMBING RAIDS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
PARIS, Dec. 21.
Received 8 a.m., Dec. 22.

A French communiqué says calm prevailed on the whole West front.

Four enemy aeroplanes were brought down on the Somme, including Sub-Lieutenants Nugesser's twenty-first

A French pilot collided with an enemy aeroplane which was pursuing it and both the machines fell.

Our aeroplanes heavily bombarded several railway stations also hutments, bivouacs and convoys on the march.

There is snow and rain on the Macedonia front where only artillery work is taking place.

RAID ON ENEMY TRENCHES AT ARMENTIERES.

BOMBS ON STRATEGIC POSITIONS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 22.
Received 2-30 p.m. Dec. 22.

A British communiqué says a strong raiding party last night approached us opposite Lens. Some entered our trenches but were promptly ejected. We successfully raided the trenches south-west of Armentieres. The raid north of Arras, reported on Wednesday, yielded fifty prisoners.

Our aeroplanes dropped a ton of explosives on points of military importance behind the enemy's lines.

FIGHTING IN LOUVEMONT-VAUX SECTOR.

ENEMY GAS WORK NEAR RHEIMS DESTROYED.

PARIS, Dec. 22.
Received 2-30 p.m. Dec. 22.

A communiqué says the enemy violently bombarded the sector of Louvemont-Vaux. We replied.

In the course of other artillery work we destroyed the gas apparatus between Berry-au-Bac and Rheims.

IRISH REBELLION.

UNTRIED PRISONERS ABOUT TO BE RELEASED.

LONDON, Dec. 21.
Received 12-10, Dec. 22.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Duke announced that all untried prisoners concerned in the Irish rebellion were about to be released.

DEFENCE OF BRAILA.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
LAHORE, Dec. 22.

A "Civil and Military Gazette" special cable says:—

"The Times", in a leading article, does not anticipate that Braila which stands at the edge of an open plain, will be seriously defended but hopes that failing their removal the contents of granaries will be ruthlessly destroyed. "The Times" Jassy correspondent states that a number of German troops have gone to Macedonia.

ARMING OF MERCHANTMEN

IMMEMORIAL RIGHT TO DEFEND.

SIR E. CARSON ON GERMANY'S REPLY.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 21.
Received 8 a.m., Dec. 22.

In the House of Commons, Sir Edward Carson, referring to Germany's reply, regarding Captain Blaikie of the Caledonia, declared that Britain did not admit any distinction between the rights of unarmed merchantmen and those defensively armed. Doubtless Germany aimed at confusing offensive with defensive action with the object of inducing neutrals to treat defensively armed vessels as warships.

Our position was that merchantmen enjoyed immemorial right to defend themselves against attack, visit or search by the enemy by any means. He believed that all neutrals accepted this view which, moreover, was embodied in the German prize regulations.

ENEMY SUBMARINE U.46 SUNK.

FEAT OF FRENCH TORPEDO BOATS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
PARIS, Dec. 21.
Received 8 a.m., Dec. 22.

It is reported that torpedo boats have sunk submarine U46, which sank several vessels off St. Nazaire.

COLLISION AT SEA.

FRENCH WARSHIP SINKS ITALIAN TROOPSHIP.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
PARIS, Dec. 21.
Received 8 a.m., Dec. 22.

A telegram from Marseilles says the French warship Ernest Renan returned to Toulon after colliding with and sinking an Italian troopship. Fifteen persons were drowned and 115 saved.

VESSELS SUNK.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.
Recd 11-45 p.m., Dec. 22.

The following vessels have been sunk:—The steamers Ason (Spanish) and Siofna (Norwegian); the sailing ships Joergen Larsen (Danish) and Niord (Swedish).

HONOUR TO EX-CABINET MINISTERS.

MR. LEWIS HARCOURT MADE A PEER

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 21.
Received 8 a.m., Dec. 22.

Peerage has been conferred upon Mr. Lewis Harcourt.

LONDON, Dec. 21.
Received 12-10, Dec. 22.

The following Honours are announced in connection with Mr. Asquith's resignation:—

Viscounts.—Mr. Lewis Harcourt, Lords Sandhurst and Cowdray.

Barons.—Sir Edward Partington, Sir Joseph Pease, M.P., Sir John Dewar, M.P., Sir Thomas Roe, M.P.

Privy Councillors.—Mr. John Gulland, M.P., Mr. Thomas Wiles, M.P.

Baronets.—Sir Jesse Boot, Mr. James Campbell, M.P., Mr. John Ainsworth, M.P.

Knights.—Mr. John Herkless, Mr. Evan Spicer.

G.C.B.—Sir Samuel Evans.

K.C.B.—Mr. Theophilus Russell, Mr. Maurice Bonham-Carter.

K.C.M.G.—Mr. James Eric Drummond.

SIR HUGH DALY.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.
Recd 11-45 p.m., Dec. 22.

The King has received Sir Hugh Daly and invested him with the insignia of the Knight Commander of the Star of India.

OPERATIONS IN MESOPOTAMIA.

ENEMY POSITIONS HEAVILY BOMBARDED.

BRIDGE OVER HAI SET ON FIRE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 21.
Received 12-10 p.m., Dec. 22.

A Mesopotamia communiqué says British aeroplanes bombed a river craft westward of Kut-el-Amara.

Strong reconnaissances were made westward of the Shumran bend of the Tigris and the enemy's positions at Sannaiyat and Kut-el-Amara heavily bombarded. A bridge over the Hai river was set on fire.

PROTRACTION OF INDIAN LITIGATION.

THE PRIVY COUNCIL'S SUGGESTION.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.
Recd. 11-45 p.m., Dec. 22.

In the Commons in reply to Sir John Rees, Mr. Chamberlain stated that the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council had made very important suggestions regarding the protraction of Indian litigation which the Government of India had under consideration. Mr. Chamberlain was fully alive to the need for a reformed procedure.

ENEMY DIAMOND MERCHANTS.

PERMISSION TO TRADE IN INDIA.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.
Recd. 11-45 p.m. Dec. 22.

Mr. Nield called attention to the permission given to the diamond merchants, Leon Menasche, to trade in India and visit Ceylon.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that he was not in a position to state definitely the reason for the decision but he understood that the members of firm, though Turkish subjects, were Jews of Spanish origin and refugees from Antwerp. He was informed that they were entirely in favour of the Allies and apart from their nationality he gathered that nothing was known to their disadvantage in India.

MANUFACTURE OF EXPLOSIVES.

ACCUSED IN ALIPORE TRIAL SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
CALCUTTA. Dec. 21.

The Alipore Special Tribunal to-day disposed of the case in which Ajit Krishna Sen was charged under section 5 of the Explosive Substances Act. On information the police searched the house of the accused at the village of Garifa and found a box, the key of which was produced by the accused. In that box they discovered carbolic acid, lumps of phosphorus, nitric acid, picric acid in six bottles and a quantity of picrate of ammonia. These substances could be used in the manufacture of explosives. The court found that the box was in the possession of the accused and under his control and therefore guilty and sentenced him to three years' rigorous imprisonment.

THE OLDEST M. P.

Mr. Burt is "father" of the House of Commons; but its oldest member is Mr. Samuel Young, a Belfast distiller who has represented East Cavan for the last twenty-four years. In a letter to the Lord Mayor of York, an old personal friend, congratulating him on his re-election to the civic chair, Mr. Young makes some interesting references to his own circumstances: "I am now unable," he writes, "to attend the House, as I feel, at ninety-six, the infirmities of age, but my people will not allow me to give place to a successor, and expect that I may see one Session in a Dublin Parliament. The world is upside down, and everything seems like a revolution. I should like to see this terrible war over, and the world once more in peace. . . . I have five grandchildren at the Front, two wounded, but none killed. . . . I have practically retired, and am interested in looking on, after having made a reasonable fortune. . . . Mr. Burt is the oldest member, but I am the oldest in age, and now have been twenty-four years in the House; only one contest—when I had 4,000 majority—and I have never had any trouble with the opposition."

PREMIER'S MESSAGE TO INDIA.

APPRECIATION OF SERVICES

THE VICEROY'S WARM RESPONSE.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
DELHI. Dec. 22.

His Excellency the Viceroy has received the following message from the Prime Minister:—

"On taking over the high office with which his Majesty the King Emperor has charged me I send to your Excellency on behalf of the people of this country a message to the Princes and peoples of India. We are determined that the sacrifices already made shall not be in vain and that the great struggle on which we have entered shall be waged to a triumphant issue.

"We realise that yet further efforts are needed both in men and money and that the whole might of the Empire must be thrown into the struggle. The splendid contributions to the common cause already made by the Princes and peoples of India give us confidence that their determination is no less high than ours and that, however long the path to final victory, we shall tread it side by side."

The following reply has been sent by the Viceroy:—

"In reply to your message I can assure you that the Princes and peoples of India are at one with the rest of the Empire in their determination to see this war through to a victorious finish and that any demands which may be made on them will be willingly and cheerfully met."

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

SENSATIONAL SLUMP.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.
Received 12-10 p.m., Dec. 22.

There has been a sensational slump bordering on demoralisation. The war shares fell from two to eleven points. A feature was the offering of fifty thousand United States Steel shares at 104½ against yesterday's price of 108. A single block of such volume has never been recorded in the history of the Stock Exchange.

CIVIL SUB-ASSISTANT SURGEONS.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT MADRAS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
MADRAS, Dec. 21.

The eleventh session of the All-India Sub-Assistant Surgeons' Conference began its sittings this afternoon the Hon. Surgeon-General W. B. Bannerman presiding. Rao Saheb Dr. U. Ramarao welcomed the delegates.

The President in the course of his address traced the growth of Civil Sub-Assistant Surgeons from the days of the East India Company down to the present day. He then announced the slight increase in pay recently sanctioned and exhorted the members of the service not to be disappointed with the meagre promotion granted, as he felt sure more appreciable terms would be granted after the war.

TO-DAY'S WAR SUMMARY.

Dr. Wilson has cabled to all belligerents and neutrals suggesting that the opportunity is propitious for a comparison of views between the belligerents regarding the terms which must precede the conclusion of ultimate peace. President Wilson expresses his willingness to take the initiative.

The principal demands in the Allies' new Note to Greece, are prohibition of the reservists' meetings, the Allied control of posts, telegraphs and railway, release of imprisoned Venizelists and an enquiry into the disturbances by a mixed commission.

Mr. Lloyd George has sent a message to the Princes and peoples of India, saying that "the splendid contributions to the common cause already made by the Princes and peoples, of India gives us confidence that their determination is no less high than ours and that, however long the path to final victory, we shall tread it side by side." The Viceroy, in his reply, says that any demand which may be made on them will be willingly and cheerfully met.

LUCKNOW CONGRESS.

PREPARATIONS AND ANTICIPATIONS.

SIR J. MESTON TO ATTEND ON SECOND DAY.

(Associated Press.)

LUCKNOW, Dec. 22.

The arrangements in connection with the Indian National Congress are now almost complete.

The pandal is a huge construction intended to accommodate a very large number of visitors. The decorations are all complete.

The camp pitched close to the pandal is a magnificent sight. It is intended to accommodate the delegates from the Punjab, the United Provinces and Bihar. Those coming from Bengal, Madras, Bombay and the Central Provinces will be located in houses. Arrangements have been made for the accommodation of no less than 1,500 delegates. The members of the Reception Committee will also be accommodated in the United Provinces camp. The number of visitors is expected to be very large for a good number of tickets have already been sold.

The President arrives by the Punjab Mail at 3-30 p.m. on the 24th. A grand procession is being arranged for him. The route of the procession will be via La Touche Road, Sri Ram Road, Old Aminabad Road, inside Aminabad Park thence through Nazirabad Road to Kaisarbagh up to the Mahmudabad House. The President takes his afternoon tea with the Raja of Mahmudabad. He stays at Vazianagram House on the Clyde Road with Babu Surendranath Banerjea.

The General Secretary of the Congress, Mr. Subba Rao, arrives from Calcutta on the 23rd instant by the Punjab Mail. Mrs. Besant is expected to arrive on the 24th. The Bombay delegates, including Mr. Tilak, arrive on the 25th on which date the Madras delegates also arrive. The delegates have already begun registering themselves, no less than 100 having done so.

The enthusiasm for the Congress in the city is at its height, hundreds of spectators can be seen paying visits to the camping ground and the Congress pandal. The local Government's order allowing Government servants to attend the Congress has given great satisfaction. No less than 50 invitations have been issued by the Committee to the various officers of the local Government. His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor has consented to grace the sitting of the Congress with his presence on the second day, viz., the 28th instant.

Bengali ladies are expected to sing the Bande Mataram song each day before the opening of the session and the girls of the local Hindu Girls School will sing suitable national songs both in Urdu and Hindi specially composed for the occasion.

Great credit is due to the local secretaries of the Congress, especially to the Hon. Pandit Gokaranath Misra, for having worked so hard to make the present session of the Congress a success. The Chairman of the Reception Committee, the Hon. Pandit Jagat Narayan paid a visit to-day to the camp and the pandal grounds to see whether the arrangements are complete and so did also the Hon. Raja Saheb of Mahmudabad, whose interest for this year's session of the Congress is as keen as of anybody else.

KADIANIS CLAIM REFUSED.

TO OFFER PRAYERS IN A SUNNI MOSQUE.

(Associated Press.)

PATNA, Dec. 22.

At the Patna High Court to-day the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Roe delivered judgment in what is now known as the Kadiani case.

In this case the followers of one Mirza Gulam Ahmed who claimed to be the promised Messiah and at the same time a follower of Islam faith, asked for a declaration that they had a right to worship in the mosque of Banifi Sunnis in a separate congregation after the latter had said their prayers. The Sunnis opposed on the ground that the Kadianis were not Mahomedans and they filed a cross appeal for a declaration to that effect.

Their Lordships held the Kadianis were Mahomedans but not entitled to pray in a separate congregation. They could do so behind the Banifi Imam. Their Lordships observed that the Kadianis' claim to pray as a separate congregation was extravagant and there could be little doubt that if it was allowed there would be serious trouble in the mosque. The authorities relied upon by the Kadianis did not support their contention that the members of any and every sect were entitled to pray in every mosque as a separate congregation behind an Imam chosen by themselves. No authority whatever had been cited for the proposition that half a dozen members of a new sect were entitled to thrust themselves into a mosque which had been used by orthodox Sunnis for generations. The appeals were accordingly dismissed with costs.

Mr. J. D. Papa Demitrion and Mr. G. A. Statigopolo representing Greek Venizelists in Rangoon has presented to the Government a motor ambulance car subscribed for by local Greek Venizelists.

INDUSTRIES COMMISSION.

CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS C. P., EXAMINED.

(From our Correspondent.)

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 22.

Mr. M. Hill, Chief Conservator of Forests, Central Provinces, was the first witness examined this morning before the Industries Commission.

He said it was in the utilisation of minor forest product that the greatest possibilities of commercial development existed. There was a great amount of work still to be done and the prospects were such as to justify fully a large staff of experts. The existing staff could only undertake enquiries into a few of the numerous products available. What was essentially wanted was a body of highly trained practical experts who would make full investigations into single products or group of products on a large scale to demonstrate their commercial value. The experts of forest research might form a part of an Imperial Scientific and Technical Department.

Witness was doubtful as to the necessity for financial aid by the Government and if private enterprise was willing to undertake any work without financial aid, Government aid should not be given, which might have the effect of competing with the existing or discouraging fresh enterprise.

Witness was examined at length by the President on the question of organisation of a compact service of forest engineers. Replying further to Sir Thomas Holland witness said the scientific side of forestry undoubtedly required considerable strengthening and answering the President's enquiry whether that could be done by borrowing officers from other scientific departments, witness said he did not quite know how best that could be done; but what was required were the whole time men who would know how best to develop and utilise the numerous forest products.

Answering Mr. Low he said agricultural demand was intense in the Province. Practically the whole of the produce was consumed locally. To another question of Mr. Low he said all forest development dependend on direct railway communication and feeder roads.

To Dr. Hopkinson witness said the existing survey of waterways was complete enough to enable the forest officers to make full use of them.

POST-WAR REFORMS MEMORANDUM.

PUNJAB MEMBER'S ATTITUDE CRITICISED.

(Associated Press.)

LAHORE, Dec. 21.

At a joint meeting of the Punjab Congress Committee and Indian Association the following resolution was passed as regards the Hon. Sardar Sundar Singh Majithia's abstention to co-operate with the 19 elected members of the Imperial Legislative Council in urging on the attention of the Government the post-war reforms deemed necessary for the country:—

"It having been reported to this meeting by the Honorary Secretaries of the Punjab Provincial Congress Committee and the Indian Association, Lahore, that Sardar Sundar Singh Majithia had not replied to their letter enquiring about his attitude towards the post-war reform scheme proposed by the 19 elected members of the Imperial Legislative Council, this meeting records with regret that in abstaining, as he did, from co-operation with his 19 elected colleagues the Hon. Sardar Bahadur has failed to represent the political aspiration of educated Punjab and further places on record that it is in entire accord with the said post-war reforms."

DEPRESSED CLASSES IN MYSORE.

SPECIAL GRANT FOR EDUCATION.

(Associated Press.)

BANGALORE, Dec. 22.

Thanks to the great interest evinced personally by their Highnesses the Maharaja and the Yuvaraja, the question of education of the backward classes in the State, is receiving greater public attention than before. Recently his Highness the Maharaja sanctioned a grant of one lakh rupees towards the education of the backward classes and a special committee was appointed to consider how best the funds should be utilised. The committee has recommended the spending of Rs. 85,000 on stipends to the students of the backward classes in colleges and schools and Rs. 15,000 on scholarships to the depressed classes students in primary, secondary, and industrial classes. The Government would make a larger and more liberal grant next year.

ANOTHER BENGALI DOUBLE COMPANY

(Associated Press.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 20.

The Hon. Mr. P. C. Lyon presided this evening over a crowded meeting arranged by the promoters of the Bengalee Regiment.

Dr. S. K. Mullik announced that the Bengali Double Company boys were undergoing training. Having made rapid progress they would soon be moved prior to being taken nearer the field of action. The Hon. Mr. Lyon said that the Bengal Government deeply sympathised with the objects of the movement.

The Maharaja of Burdwan said the Bengali Regiment Committee had decided to raise another Double Company.

TRADE POLICY AFTER WAR

CHAIRMAN OF MADRAS CHAMBER ON THE COMMON END.

(Associated Press.)

MADRAS, Dec. 20.

The annual general meeting of the Madras Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday, the Hon. Mr. Gordon Fraser, Chairman, presiding. The annual report showed the Chamber was largely occupied in dealing with questions arising out of war conditions, either directly or through measures taken by Government to control trade and shipping. The general question of trade policy after the war received much attention of the Chamber during the year.

In proposing the adoption of the report Mr. Gordon Fraser made a lengthy speech, in the course of which he said, "Although we are present this evening as a commercial body, it is impossible to disassociate commerce from the war, as the military situation overshadows everything else and exercises a controlling influence over trade and the course of all commercial markets and the laws of supply and demand have given way to the exigencies of the military situation. I remarked last year on the dangers to trade and commerce of outside interference with the natural laws of supply and demand, but the conditions are changed and all considerations must go overboard other than those directly concerned with the effort now being made by our country and our Allies. The overseas commerce of Great Britain is a necessity and is especially the case during war time, but it must be controlled and directed into those channels in which it will render the greatest help to the nation."

EX-M P.'S SON COURT-MARTIALLED.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTIONS TO MILITARY SERVICE.

At Warminister on 15th November, Stephen Hobhouse, son of the Right Hon. Henry Hobhouse, was tried by Court-martial for refusing to obey military orders, by not putting on his uniform. He had previously been arrested in London as an absentee under the Military Service Act.

Mr. Hobhouse said his faith in Jesus Christ compelled him to refuse to be involved in any organisation for the purpose of human bloodshed. He was an international Socialist, and could take no part in war or violence designed either to attack or to defend life or property. The only weapons of warfare which he felt it right to use were moral and spiritual ones. He recognised how far he fell short of this high ideal, but it was because he was trying to approach it that he could not recognise a law which deemed him to be a soldier or an agent for the killing of his brother men.

Defendant called Lord Countney of Penwith, who spoke of his nephew's career at Eton and Balliol. At Oxord, accused became deeply impressed with religious convictions, and joined the Quakers, and had since spent his life in social and religious work. During the first Balkan War he went to Constantinople to help provide assistance to the refugees. Lord Courtney added that he could personally testify to the sincerity of accused's convictions, which he believed to be unshakable.

Professor Gardner also spoke of the sincerity of accused's convictions.

Hobhouse was found guilty and sentence will be promulgated in due course.

BAKRI-ID RIOT CASES.

SENTENCES ON THE ACCUSED AT BARH.

(Associated Press.)

BANKIPORE, Dec. 21.

At Barh to-day Mr. W. B. Brett, Special Magistrate delivered judgment in the riot cases. He sentenced 50 Jadupore accused to six months rigorous imprisonment with fines or security; 54 (of whom 42 are common to the first case) to two years' rigorous imprisonment and fines and security; 17 Kanchanpore accused to two years' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 1,000 each; five men and are acquitted. The Mahomedans are to be compensated for the loot out of the fine.

POONA DISTRICT LOCAL BOARD.

FIRST NON-OFFICIAL PRESIDENT.

(Associated Press.)

POONA, Dec. 22.

For some time past the Bombay Government have been considering the introduction of the appointment of non-official presidents for District Local Boards in the Presidency. They have now decided to try the experiment in the case of the Poona Local Board and recently wrote to that body inviting their proposal. The Board has after consideration resolved to accept the Government's offer. The Hon. Dewan Bahadur Godbole will be the first non-official President, the appointment taking effect from the next official year. Mr. G. W. Hatch, I.C.S., is the present President.

Before Mr. S. B. Israel, Special Cantonment Magistrate, Poona, Abdul Karim, a weakly Mahomedan youth of idiotic appearance, was charged on Thursday with entering the teachers' quarters of St. Mary's Girls' School at night with intent to steal. The Magistrate wished to deal with the accused as insane and incapable of making a defence, the accused answering all the questions in the affirmative Eventually he was sentenced to a fortnight's rigorous imprisonment.

THE PEACE PROBLEM.

A FRENCH EX-FOREIGN MINISTER'S VIEWS.

While fully recognising that there is nothing like catching your hare before cooking it, M. Hanotaux, one-time Minister of Foreign Affairs, thinks the war has advanced sufficiently to warrant those competent to take stock from now onward of what he does not hesitate to term "The Peace Problem."

This problem is three-fold, and may be classed under the heads, of

1. Punishment.
2. Reparation.
3. Guarantees.

There will probably be very little bother about agreeing as to the first two; it is the question of guarantees that will give the Allies the greatest trouble.

Even here, though, M. Hanotaux thinks there should be no insuperable difficulty if, from the outset, it is clearly recognised that the Hohenzollerns have to go, or, in any case, be put into their proper place.

Starting from this standpoint, it is comparatively easy to outline the course that should be taken. It should be all the easier to adopt because Europe is under no moral or legal obligation to put up any longer with a state of affairs that she has never sanctioned, and with regard to which was never consulted at the time of its foundation.

BISMARCK'S BLUNDER.

How, in fact, did the German Empire come into being? Bismarck did not ask the advice, much less the consent, of the Powers to the scheme he had planned. The German Empire is simply the outcome of an agreement made between certain private German States.

In omitting to have his creation consecrated by a European Congress, Bismarck blundered in international law and, according to the law of nations his confederation has no legal international standing. There is, consequently, no reason why the other powers should harbour any scruples in declining to recognise it.

German unity has proved, or almost so, not only the undoing of Europe but of humanity at large. It must, therefore, disappear, for in no other way can Europe hope to ensure herself perfect freedom and a proper balance. Any peace that fails to build itself up upon this fundamental basis will, declares M. Hanotaux, be a blind and halting arrangement that will leave Europe as much as before at the mercy of a German revenge and the rapacity of the Prussian junkers.

AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE.

In order to maintain peace on these lines, M. Hanotaux foresees the necessity of organising an armed international police force, strong enough to impose the will and decisions of a reorganised Europe. This was where the Hague scheme made such a deplorable mistake; had it obtained a force capable of making its decisions respected the present war would never have been sprung upon us. The mistake must not be repeated.

M. Hanotaux fully recognises that it will be a task of no mean order to obtain this force. The trouble already experienced in deciding upon common action among the Allies is proof enough of the difficulty to be anticipated in agreeing upon its creation first of all, and, next, the organisation and maintenance of a force of this nature.

That is why means should be taken from now onward to accustom public opinion to the idea, to educate it up to the knowledge that by no other means can a peace worthy of the name and of the price it will have cost be ensured.

SLATIN PASHA.

When the war broke out there was one man—a lifelong professional soldier—who found himself bound by close ties to two opposing belligerents, writes the "Manchers Guardian." Rudolf Carl von Slatin (Slatin Pasha) was a baron of the Austrian Empire, but also a lieutenant-general in the Egyptian army and a major-general in the British army, as well as a G.C.V.O., a K.C.M.G., and a C.B. In August, 1914, he was inspector-general of the Egyptian Forces under Sir Francis Wingate. He seemed to be confronted with the alternatives of fighting either against his native country, for which he still cherished a strong affection, or against the nation which had lavished its honours upon him and in whose service he had spent the most notable parts of his career. How Slatin Pasha met the difficulty is now told by the Stockholm correspondent of a New York paper.

He resigned his English and Egyptian commissions and returned to Vienna. Then influenced, no doubt, by the memory of his own sufferings during twelve years in captivity as a prisoner of the Mahdi—he attached himself to the Austrian Red Corss, and devoted himself especially to the task of improving the condition of prisoners of war. His keenest desire was to bring about reciprocal agreements among all the nations in arms, and with that object he recently visited Stockholm. His mission was to meet there a representative of the American Embassy at Petrograd, in order to discuss further means of relief for the hundreds of thousands of Austrian prisoners of war now in Russia. In conversation with an American journalist in the Swedish capital Slatin Pasha paid a high tribute to Lord Kitchener, whom he described as one of the most remarkable men the world had ever known. "His regard," he said, "was not easily won. But once you knew him and he had tested you, no man could wish for a truer, more whole-hearted friend." Kitchener and Slatin, by the way, were lunching together as late as the 18th of July, 1914—only a few days before the beginning of the war. They spoke of the European situation at the time, but neither of them dreamed what it would all mean.

WAR ON THE PIRATES.

M.P.'S GENEROUS OFFER TO BRITISH CAPTAINS.

Returns prepared by the Liverpool Underwriters' Association show that during October, 113 vessels of 266,053 tons were posted in the Loss Book. The corresponding figures for October of last year were sixty-three vessels of 159,686 tons, and in October, 1914, the number of vessels lost was forty-eight and the tonnage 138,429.

An offer of £2,000 to the British born master of every British owned merchantman for every German submarine that can be satisfactorily proved to have been sunk by his ship is made by Mr. R. P. Houston, M.P.

Writing to the "Times," Mr. Houston says:—

That the British merchant seaman is still inspired by the dauntless spirit of his forefathers of the spacious Elizabethan days—the cradle of our maritime supremacy—is shown by the recent running fight between the British steamer (the Censor might suppress the name) and a German submarine in the Bay of Biscay, where after fifteen quick-firing shots from the Britisher—fourteen of which went home—the submarine was sunk, but we paid the toll of British dead.

This is only one of the many deeds of "deering doe" achieved by our merchant seamen but which our cautious Censor, inspired by fear or stupidity, is successful in suppressing. Possibly, poor man, he thinks the publication of such gladdening news might encourage emulation in the breast of ignored Merchant Jack, giving rise to complications and deliberations in the somnolent atmosphere of Downing-street.

There is at present a popular demand to arm all merchantmen—for the diminishing food of the people is bringing home to them our insular necessity for command of the seas—but before this demand can be complied with, it will be necessary for our deliberating and vacillating Coalition Government (which appears to be so afraid of unduly hurting the Hun or offending the neutral) to arrange with foreign neutral governments that our merchantmen armed for protection against piratical craft shall be freely admitted to their ports and not debarred as at present.

"NERVELESS AND LETHARGIC."

As our nerveless and lethargic Coalition Government is somewhat slow in putting down that piratical pest, the German submarine, it would be well that our merchant master mariners and seamen should revert to the methods of Hawkins and Drake, or adopt the more modern example of Nelson at Copenhagen when he turned on his blind eye to the signal to cease fire, and take sea law into their own hands.

To encourage them by deed as well as word I will present to any British-born master of a British-owned merchant ship £2,000 for each and every German submarine that can be satisfactorily proved to have been sunk by his ship, up to the total number of fifty between now and May 31 next (my birthday), the £2,000 bonus to be divided amongst the master and the crew in proportions satisfactory to me. All decisions and awards to be subject to the arbitrament of Lloyd's Committee.

A FORTUNE-TELLER'S BUSINESS.

DETECTIVE AND MASCOT.

At Westminster Police Court on the 17th ultimo, before Mr. Horace Smith, Elizabeth Sixsmith, 41, otherwise "Madam Betty," was charged on a warrant with pretending to tell fortunes.

Mr. Muskett, who prosecuted, said that the prisoner was alleged to be a common cheat and charlatan who had for years carried on a large and flourishing chicanery business. So many were her engagements that it was said she was booked five weeks in advance.

Detective-inspector Berrett said that the prisoner lived with her husband at Binfield-road, Clapham. Three years ago the witness, instructed by the Police Commissioner, warned her, and after his visit a large brass plate on which she described herself as a "certificated palmist and clairvoyant," with many letters after her name, was removed. On that occasion the witness found 16 or 17 women in her waiting-room. The prisoner declared that every one was running to her and showed the witness a halter which she said had been taken from a stolen horse recovered through crystal-gazing revelation. When the prisoner was arrested on Thursday she was on her way to a church bazaar, where she was advertised to appear as a clairvoyant. On searching her premises the police found blue crystal balls in metal stands, and white glass spheres. The prisoner stated that she was very busy with soldiers and others, some calling as early as 8 o'clock in the morning. The witness seized a large correspondence and visiting cards from clients. The prisoner stated that most of her correspondence was undertaken by her husband, whom the witness found in his office answering a great number of letters at a typewriter. The prisoner said she would not lose one of the crystals for £1,000, adding, "Oh, if you only knew its history—but there, I shan't tell you—if you break it there will be a strange face in Heaven." (Laughter.) The witness did not think the remark applied to him. (Laughter.) The witness also produced a large golliwog, which he said he found seated in a chair. The prisoner said it was her mascot, and that some of her clients nursed it for hours. (Laughter.)

Evidence was given by a young woman, who said she had consulted the prisoner, who gazed into the crystal and told her that she had a brother at the front. She also said that he would return before Christmas on leave, and would not be wounded.

Mr. Horace Smith remanded the prisoner, and refused bail.

The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce decided to hold no rubber sale yesterday in consequence of the suspension of Indian Council Bills.

ALLIED ENTRY INTO MONASTIR.

SCENES OF REJOICING.

The Allies are in Monastir at last—here in the heart of the town, writes Mr. G. Ward Price in a despatch from Monastir dated the 19th ultimo. Down the streets, which are black vistas of closed iron shutters, come French cavalry, when were the first to enter. They are now maintaining a strict patrol. Their horses' necks are hung with wreaths of flowers, for the inhabitants, after peeping timidly out from behind their barred windows for a while, have at length ventured out, and are offering posies and garlands to the French and Russian soldiers, who come constantly marching in. Even to me, though unworthy, these signs of welcome have been proffered, for I have had the fortune to be the first Englishman to arrive in the town, just 2½ hours after the first French troops entered.

It was at 8.15 that the last battalion of Germans marched out of the northern end of Monastir, and were seen by French scouts pouring along the Prilep road. A quarter of an hour later the final battery left to protect the rear of the retreating army, limbered up and made off at a fast trot through the streets. French cavalry and mounted scouts were close upon its heels as it went. At 9 a.m. the first French company of infantry marched in past the still burning barracks that the enemy had set afire during the night. A Russian battalion was with them. The two columns, in fact, came abreast along the road.

And so Monastir became Serbian again, for, though French and Russian troops have had the privilege of first arriving there, they themselves are anxious to admit that it was chiefly the tireless advance of the Serbs among the mountains in the loop of the Cerna River, supported as they have been, of course, by the co-operation of the French infantry and French artillery, that has forced the Bulgars and Germans to evacuate Monastir.

"It is thanks to the Serbs that we have won the town," said a French colonel, who was one of the first to get in. The whole of the centre of the town is being reserved as quarters for the Serbians to dispose of as they require, should a triumphal entry of the Serbian army into their redeemed city be afterwards arranged, and when the inhabitants of Monastir sent a deputation to the headquarters, which have been temporarily established, to ask if they might hoist the French flag, they were told no, but that they might hoist the Serbian flag.

A YEAR OF CAPTIVITY.

After a whole year of captivity Monastir has become free again, and that on the very anniversary of the day when the Serbs first won it four years ago from the Turks. By its liberation the Allies in the Balkans have won their first victory of mark, for Monastir is more than one of the most considerable towns in Serbia; it is a symbol. What Delhi is to India Monastir is to Macedonia. She is the queen city, a recognised token of dominion. Ever since the Bulgars and Germans crept away from the Kenali lines there has been a feeling of victory in the air, and those tall, white minarets that have shone so long down on this hard-fought plain of Monastir have drawn nearer. But still there seemed much to do. The enemy's new line of defence on the Bistrica had been prepared for over a month past, and was a regular line of double trenches with wire in front. The Italians on the left were fighting among the snow, trying to advance in order to turn the defences of the Bistrica. The French next on their right before Kanina village had only one narrow road open to attack along and that was commanded by machine-guns. The Russians were vigorously opposed as they tried to follow up the enemy retirement from Kenali, though they forced the Viro River breast-high and along the next French sector the Germans and Bulgars seemed determined to give no more ground. In the loop of the Cerna a prisoner certainly told the French that Negotina was to be evacuated but up at Tepavtsi, where I was with the French artillery, the Germans were holding on firmly to their rearguard positions.

It was the Serbian capture of the three peaks to the left of the famous Hill 1212 and beyond it that finally obliged the enemy to fall back from Monastir by threatening his line of retreat up the Prilep road. Up that road he is retiring now, and the Bulgar rearguard forms a firming-line of two and a half miles out from Monastir wards Prilep, while the Russians and French are already pressing on to drive the retiring enemy back as far as possible.

ALL-INDIA BHATIA CONFERENCE.

ARRIVAL OF BOMBAY VOLUNTEERS.

(Associated Press.)

LAHORE, Dec. 21.

On Thursday morning the Bhatia Volunteer Corps, Bombay, headed by their Captain, Mr. Vithaldas Jerajani, Manager, Swadeshi Stores, Bombay, arrived at Lahore to attend the All-India Bhatia Conference. They were accorded a splendid and rousing reception at the station. The guests then drove off in procession to the Dyanand School where they were guests of the Reception Committee.

The annual report of the working of Mysore Mines Regulation during 1915-16 shows there were 61 mining accidents, with 63 persons dying underground and 30 in hospital or in all with 93 casualties as compared to 56 accidents with 64 deaths in the previous year. Two accidents, one of a serious fire in Gilbert's shaft on Mysore Mine and the other of an air-blast in Champion Reefs Mine, which occurred on 28th March 1916, account for the comparatively larger number of casualties during the year under report.

THE TRUTH ABOUT SAKCHI.

THE SUPREMACY OF THE AMERICAN.

WHERE DOES THE INDIAN COME IN?

In the following article one who has an unique knowledge from close observation of the inner workings of the Tata and Iron Steel Works shows how limited are the opportunities for educated Indians to get a sound footing and how supreme is American domination.

Your correspondent, Mr. M. J. Antia, seems to me to have exercised great moderation and restraint in writing of the condition of native labour at the Tata Iron and Steel Co., at Sakchi. During my frequent visits to Sakchi I also have gathered the impression that the Sakchi works is an Indian concern in name only and that it appers to be worked and managed by Americans mainly for the benefit of American labour. Even the Englishman appears to be at a discount and almost all the high-salaried posts are held by the Americans who seem to be predominant in every deparment of the concern.

As to the treatment meted out to the Natives, especially the educated Natives, the following facts will speak for themselves:—

In the department of blast furnances since the very beginning of the operation of the plant not a single educated Indian has as yet been taken on. It is entirely run by American labour and appears to be a sort of a training ground for young Yankees ranging in age from anywhere between 18 to 23 years. The reason for this preference of the Americans for the blast furnance department is that work there is simple, soft and congenial. I have been given to understand by some good authorities on the subject that the management and operation of a modern blast furnace provided with up-to-date equipment—as no doubt the Sakchi furnaces are,—are more or less of the nature of mere routine work and do not require any extraordinary skill or intelligence to be successfully conducted. Here there is a department which, under other conditions, should have been by now entirely managed and run by Indians alone. And yet, as I have already said, there is not a single (moderately or highly) educated Indian in it even now.

On the other hand I have come to know that the management at Sakchi appears to have imbibed a special liking within the last year or two for local Europeans without special training or experience (and even in a few instances for ex-police sergeants, bookies, jockeys, etc.) who are taken on at much higher wages than the best of the educated Indians. For instance, I hear the Company's physical laboratory has been placed under the charge of an ex-soldier who is blissfully ignorant of even the very fundamentals of applied mechanics or strength of materials. I often wonder why the Government of India keep a costly staff of trained chemists and engineers in their laboratories at Sakchi and Alipore when the Tatas can do the same work with a man who has no such qualifications. I am also told that one of the foremen in the Company's Bar Mill was a horse-trainer and a bar-keeper by profession.

Apart from the fact that such appointments tend to keep the educated Indians out of a useful career in life, there is this to be considered: Do the Agents realize that the employment of men in the works from the ranks of the police has a decided tendency to hush up cases of violence and ill-treatment that are perpetrated on the Natives? I am told, that men sometimes go out shooting in the neighbouring jungles while under the influence of liquor, and terrorise the humble villagers. These cases seldom see the light of publicity unless, of course, they are attended with very serious results or in some cases only where an actual murder has taken place. Very recently there was a case in which one native employee of the Company was shot dead and another seriously wounded, in broad daylight, while busy on Company's work, by a convenanted hand. Previous to this another Convenanted hand fired shot and severely wounded a man in a neighbouring village. To the credit of the Government of Bihar and Orissa it must be said that in both these cases the higher authorities have taken very prompt and strong measures. In the former case, the culprit has already been convicted and sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

ENCOURAGEMENT TO INDIANS.

The sort of encouragement that the better class of Indians receive at Sakchi is well indicated by the readiness with which they are offered menial positions in the Company's Steel Works department. There one has to work, I am told, under the worst possible conditions,—terrific heat, arduous physical labour, and even personal danger. People who know tell me that to work as a steel melter requires no brains but plenty of muscles and brawn. Taken as a whole the open hearth department is not the place likely to attract men who have spent the best part of their life and money in getting a technical education abroad or in India. This is probably true as much of the Indians as of the Europeans,—with the result that the steel melter the world over is a very tough man. The management at Sakchi seems to have conceived that the best and the easiest way to encourage an intelligent Indian trying to enter the services of the Tata Iron and Steel Co., is to offer him the position of a "helper" at one of the steel furnaces. Over and above this the salary offered him is so poor (in most cases not more than Rs. 75 p.m., as against Rs. 450 p.m., the lowest salary paid to a convenanted helper, who besides this gets a bonus which amounts to another Rs. 300 Rs. 400 p.m.,) that he has often no other choice but to decline it.

In spite of this, I am given to understand, that several educated Indians boldly accepted the offer and worked long enough at these furnaces to prove conclusively that there is no dearth of men in India who could be taught to manage and work a steel furnace as efficiently and successfully as any American or European. But they were either quickly removed entirely from the Steel Works department or shifted to serve other departments of the concern just when they were beginning to show an aptitude for this kind of work. The result is that there is not a single intelligent Indian in the Steel department now, although I am assured on good authority that most of the work around the steel furnaces at Sakchi is being done by the ordinary native labour which gets about ten annas per day and that the position of the second helper drawing Rs. 450 p.m., plus bonus, could be entirely dispensed with without any detriment to the efficiency of the plant.

BONUSES TO COVENANTED HANDS.

This brings me to the question of bonuses paid to the convenanted labour at Sakchi. It is said that it would be well for the Board of Directors of the Company to make a searching enquiry into their distribution. It would appear as if the payment of bonus was created entirely for the benefit of the American, although incidentally other covenanted hands are also sharing its benefit.

The Company pays monthly bonuses not only to the convenanted hands but also to many of the locally employed Europeans and Anglo-Indians in the steel works department, the rolling mills, bar-mills, coke ovens etc. But, I understand, that there is not a single instance on record of Indians getting any bonus even when they are doing the same work.

If the bonus system improves the efficiency of the covenanted labour, why does not the management encourage the native labour in the same way? Does the Company pay bonus to those natives whom it claims to have replaced convenanted hands? Does it pay these natives anywhere as good a wage as it used to pay to these covenanted hands that they are said to have replaced? Does it claim that the Indians need no encouragement in the shape of good wages or an extra remuneration?

WHY THE DISTINCTION.

If I were a shareholder of this Company I would ask the Board of Directors to explain this:—Why do you make this distinction without a difference? Is it being done with or without your sanction? Who is it that decides that bonuses should be given to covenanted hands or even the local Europeans and Anglo-Indians but not to your countrymen? What plausible explanation can you or your Sakchi managers give to this instance of gross partiality and prejudice against them? Surely you cannot say that the payment of bonuses was a part of your contract with the covenanted hands as I believe that there is no clause in the contracts requiring you to pay bonus? Even so, what about the bonus paid to the local European and Anglo-Indian employees? The fact is that the covenanted labour is the real master of the Tata Iron and Steel Co., and is likely to remain so for a very long, long time if its present policy is persisted in. To the Board of Directors of the Company I would say this: It is all very fine to talk of your experts, your consulting Engineers, and your "clever" American management. But, I ask, you, what will you or your management do if the Americans in the blast furnace department strike work tomorrow? What did you or your managers do when the steel melters struck work for over a week in July 1915 because they decided that the climate of Sakchi was too hot for them to work in? Did you or your clever managers keep the furnaces going then? How is it that we find no mention of this very interesting episode in any of your reports to the shareholders? Perhaps in your wordly wisdom this matter did not appear to be sufficiently important to be brought to the attention of your shareholders. What did it matter, this loss of a few lakhs of rupees through the caprice of your beloved convenanted hands, so long as you still had your wonderful American "experts" to advise you how to make bricks out of your blast furnace slag? But you know then as surely as you do now that, as far as the affairs of the Company are concerned, you are entirely at the mercy of your covenanted hands and that you live by their goodwill. That is why you are so eager to give them bonuses, not that you get more "efficiency" thereby but that they should remain satisfied and not ruin you. As for your "experts" at Sakchi, to call 100 odd covenanted hands at Sakchi as so many "experts" simply because they have been brought out to India at very high wages and salaries is a gross mis-statement of facts. With the exception of one or two, most of these men were unknown to the iron and steel manufacturers of either England or America. I have heared of several instances of covenanted hands now working in the various departments of this Company and drawing quite handsome salaries who had never been inside an iron and steel plant until they came to Sakchi. Whatever they know to-day of the manufacture of iron and steel and the management of an iron and steel concern they have learnt it all at Sakchi at the cost of the Tatas. It would be extremely interesting for the shareholders to know—and I think they have a right to know—something of the past careers of all the covenanted hands at Sakchi—some details as to the positions they were holding in their own countries, the nature of the work they had been trained to do, the salaries or wages they were receiving for their labour and the work they were actually engaged in doing when they were recruited. Surely the publication of these facts could not be a difficult matter as it is inconceivable that such a well-managed and responsible concern as the Tata Iron and Steel Company would go to the expense of recruiting costly labour from all distant corners of the globe and on whose skill, expert knowledge, and "efficiency," it is asserted, depends the very existence of the company as a successful commercial enterprise, without the closet scrutiny of, and the most searching enquiry into, all its antecedents and bona fides?

WHAT OF NON-PRODUCTIVE LABOUR.

Now it may be argued that the work done in the various productive departments of the Company requires trained and experience labour which can only be had from countries where the manufacture of iron and steel is a long established art. But, then, what of non-productive labour such as stenographers, petty clerks, shippers, traffic superintendents, pig-iron-stock-yard foreman, etc., that have been brought out from America? Fancy an ordinary blast furnace operator passing off as traffic and labour superintendent at Sakchi! Marvellous indeed are the versatility and genius of an American blast furnace hand! It would seem that, judged by what has happened in Sakchi, one could almost make anything out of the American blast furnace labourers. Not even the magic lamp of Alladin, I dare say, could have done more wonders than what the Tatas have done with their blast furnace hands. The fact that the company had to change its American General Manager at least three times in the course of as many years would seem to indicate that, after all, at least some of these American "experts" are not as infallible, clever, and satisfactory as the Agents would have us believe. And here one is tempted to ask why did they at all go all the way to America for a General-Manager while at their very door was available such a distinguished English metallurgist as Dr. McWilliam, the Government Metallurgical Examiner at Sakchi?

I have hinted above at the partiality of the Americans for their own race and their own kith and kin. I am told that it even extends, to those Indians who have received American training. *At any rate, they seem to show an utter indifference to all young Indians who have been trained in England and a disposition to count them at a discount while American-trained Indians are favoured.* For instance I am told that the two educated Indians now working in the Company's bye—produce coke ovens, as mentioned by your correspondent, Mr. M. J. Antia, in his letter, were both trained in America, whereas the management could find no use for many of the British trained Indians including D.Sc's of the London University.

SOME ACTUAL CASES.

How this has caused the loss of services of some very capable and promising Indians to the Tata Iron and Steel Co. will be evidenced from the following cases:—

(1) Mr. Nair, B.A., of Madras University went to England as Government Scholar and received the degree of B.Sc. from the Birmingham University. Had worked as "melter" foreman in the following English concerns:—

(a) Sheepbridge Iron & Coal Co.
(b) Fordingham Iron & Steel Co.
(c) Barrow Hemetite Works.
(d) Sir Alfred Hickman's Iron & Steel Co., Bilston.

I understand he came to Sakchi with an introduction from one of the Directors of the Company, Sir (then Mr.) R. J. Tata, and was offered the position of a helper in the Steel Works by the local management on Rs. 75 p.m. which, of course, he declined to accept. He was finally given something to do in the Chemical laboratory on Rs. 150 pm. He, however, secured the post of Assistant Chief Chemist at the Jamalpur workshops of the East Indian Railway on Rs. 450 p.m. where his progress has been very rapid. He has lately been made the Chief Chemist and Metallurgist on Rs. 750 p.m. to start with. It is said that while in Sakchi he met with very shabby treatment from the authorities.

(2) Mr. Gokhale, B.A., of Bombay University and a graduate in Mining and Metallurgy of the Tokio Imperial University, Japan. He had worked as an Engineer in Japanese Coal Mines and was also employed for some time in the various departments of the Imperial Steel Works of Japan. I am told that he came to Sakchi with an introduction from one of the partners of Messrs. Tata Sons & Co. He too was offered Rs. 75 p.m. as a helper in the Steel Works department which he accepted. I understand he remained in the Steel works for over a year and stuck to his job with grim determination and persistency. With his meagre wages he was unable to live decently or to take the kind of nourishing food that steel melters must have as a result of which he soon fell seriously ill. After recovery when he resumed work again the authorities this time put him on to continuous night duty which made him ill again. Unable to secure any increment in his salary he had no alternative but to leave the service of the company.

(3) Mr. Ghose was a qualified Mechanical Engineer. He received his diploma in Mechanical Engineering from the well-known Glasgow Technical Institute of Glasgow, Scotland, and had gained considerable practical experience in his line of work, having worked in various Engineering firms in England and Scotland. Previous to his going to England he had creditably served a five years' apprenticeship with the Calcutta Port Trust. He was taken on at Sakchi on Rs. 150 p.m., but after a few months' service, one fine morning his Yankee boss told him to pack up and go. I understand he is at present employed elsewhere on Rs. 350 p.m.

(4) Mr. Narky, an M.A. of Calcutta University went to England with a Government Scholarship and entered the Manchester University where he studied under Sir Thomas Holland, the President of the Royal Industrial Commission. He received the degree of M.Sc. in Mining and Geology from Manchester and joined the service of the Burmah Oil Co. on Rs. 400 per mensem. He was employed by the Tata Iron and Steel Co. last year as a prospector for Iron ore on Rs. 250 p.m. During the few months he was employed with them, I am told, he met with persistently bad treatment from his superiors. He is now working with Messrs. Jamal Bros. of Rangoon on Rs. 500 p.m.

(5) Dr. Sen, a first class M.Sc., of Calcutta and a D.Sc., of the London University, was appointed as third chemist in the laboratory at Sakchi on Rs. 250 p.m. Shortly after he came to Sakchi he received the offer of the chair of chemistry in the Presidency College, Calcutta, which was an appointment in the I.E.S. Thinking that his prospects at Sakchi would be quite as good as in the Government service, he declined the offer. But I understand that it was not long before he realized his mistake and a story is told how he was subjected to very gross insults by an ordinary covenanted labourer for which he received no redress from the management. So when he received the post of Chief Chemist with Messrs. Jamal Bros. of Rangoon on Rs. 500 p.m., and it is said that only when his patriotic offer to stay at Sakchi if the authorities would pay him *even* Rs. 400 p.m., was scornfully rejected he left the employment of the Tatas.

(6) Mr. Mowdawallah is an M.A., B.Sc., of Bombay. He has also finished his three and a half years' course in Electrical Engineering at the Tata Research Institute of Bangalore and is at present engaged as a Professor in the Madras College of Engineering on Rs. 250 p.m. I hear from people in Bangalore that quite recently Mr. Mowdawallah was offered a post with the Tata Iron and Steel Co., on less than Rs. 60 p.m., which he has declined with thanks.

I could have cited many more cases like these but I don't wish to weary your readers with these unimportant incidents in the management and working of this great pioneer industry of India by the Americans. But what about the assertion of the Sakchi authorities that the educated Indians are nowhere paid such high salaries as at Sakchi? What about these that have left the Tatas getting, in some cases more than twice as much elsewhere as they ever got at Sakchi? It is quite pertinent here to ask how many Indians working at Sakchi receive even as much as Rs. 300 p.m.? How is it that other firms all over the country could afford to pay these men a good deal more than the Tatas would pay and treat them decently in the bargain?

UNSATISFACTORY FIGURES.

As to the gradual replacement of covenanted hands by Indian labour the figures given in the Directors' annual report to the shareholders are as Mr. Antia has already pointed out, extremely unsatisfactory, not to say, misleading. An unbiased and impartial survey of the facts would seen, to indicate that whatever reduction has taken place in the number of covenanted hands is due not to, as has been pointed out by Mr. Antia, to any "conscious' policy pursued by the Company's Directors but to quite other causes. First of all it appears, that the Company had brought out at the very beginning of the operation of the plant many more men than there was actual need of and so when the contract of these men was over they were allowed to go as they were found unnecessary. That is why the Blast Furnace Department shows such a great reduction, for it is said that at one time it employed about 30 covenanted hands for whom the Company could find but very little to do. In the same way mention might be made of the German Crane drivers and "the third and fourth helpers" in the steel works being found to be practically unnecessary.

Secondly, death, "dissipation," sickness, and dissastisfaction with Indian climate and Sakchi conditions have all contributed to the reduction of covenanted labour.

Thirdly, the necessity caused by the war has also brought about certain reductions.

As for the educated Indians filling these gaps, most of these vacancies, as I have already pointed out, have been filled and are being filled by local Europeans and Anglo-Indians who had no previous knowledge of steel making whatsoever. I am of course willing to admit that my information regarding this matter might be erroneous. Let the management therefore, publish the names of those educated Indians who are to-day holding a single position in the works that was formerly filled by covenanted hands. We shall then see for ourselves how much truth there is in all this talk about the replacement of covenanted hands by Indian labour. Then one is tempted to ask, will the management kindly tell us how many convenanted American hands have been so far replaced by the Indians or even local Europeans or Anglo-Indians? It may be only a coincidence, but as far as I can gather there is not a single instance or record where American labour has been so replaced. One is also tempted to ask, after all is all this costly foreign labour absolutely necessary? If so how is it that a blast furnace operator could be spared to act as traffic and labour superintendent, and another to supervise the stacking and loading of pig iron? Or how could untrained, unskilled and inexperienced local Europeans and Anglo-Indians take their place?

The eagerness of the authorities in the matter of training the better class of Indians for positions of trust, responsibility, and skill, is illustrated by the fact that up to this time they have taken no trouble to inaugurate any system of apprenticeship at Sakchi, which, I understand, has been tried for years, with remarkable and unqualified success in the various cotton mills owned and managed by Messrs. Tata Sons & Co. Why has this not been done, none but the Board of Directors of the Sakchi concern can answer. Probably the American "experts" at Sakchi may have advised against such a "sentimental" course of action though they are possibly aware that the natives of this country, the educated natives in particular, when properly guided show remarkable adaptability and aptitude for any kind of work, even the manufacture of iron and steel. They can have no interest in seeing Indians encouraged and allowed to work their way up in the various departments of this concern, for the Indians would in a comparatively short period of time wrest the management and working of this great industry from their hands just as surely and completely as they have done in the cotton industry of India. I have it on the authority and testimony of several Englishmen in responsible positions in Sakchi that if only a couple of hundred young and educated Indians of the type of Nair, Narky, and Sen and others, who have gone out of Sakchi disappointed to obey the call of a better destiny in life elsewhere, were to enter the Sakchi plant and were given encouragement and facility to every and master the work,—in their honest and candid opinion, in another ten or perhaps twenty years the Tata Iron and Steel Co. would see the last of its foreign "experts," its consulting Engineers and its fancy-priced covenanted labour.

COMMERCIALLY UNSOUND

But apart from the question of mere patriotism and "sentimental" but nevertheless legitimate national pride, do the shareholders of the Company realize how unsound and inexpedient commercially is the method of working the plant by convenanted labour and hired and imported "experts?" To depend for ever on foreign labour for the successful operation of a manufacturing concern like this is to court ultimate disaster. First of all, look at the costliness of such labour. You have to spend a lot of money in recruiting it, then to bring it out to India and finally to send it back to its home when the contract is finished. See again the high wages that you have to pay these men. It has been estimated by the "Iron and Coal Trades Review" of London that more than 15 per cent of the total wages paid by the Tata Iron and Steel Co. goes to the covenanted hands although the ratio of same to the local hands is less than 1: 100. And this estimate, mind you, does not include the bonuses paid to the former, nor the leave pay, allowances or passage money which come to a lakh of rupees a year.

And yet in spite of all these high wages and bonuses paid to them, will the management conscientiously say that they are entirely satisfied with their convenanted labour?

Your correspondent Mr. M. J. Antia has put it most mildly, to say the least, when he says that the condition under which one has to work in Sakchi are not calculated to make for permanency of employment. First of all, one must remember, that the successful operation of an iron and steel plant requires intensive and continuous working. The Coke ovens and the blast furnances run for years without a minute's stoppage, while the steel works and the rolling mills are shut down at the week end just long enough to enable the mechanics to do the necessary repairs, renewals or overhauling of the machinery and the plant. There, indeed, the "mills" of the gods grind on continuously and those who enter the service of an iron and steel plant might as well say good-bye to all rest, recreation, and even the sabbath: for holidays there are none and leave will depend entirely on whether a man could be spared or not for the time being. Then the hours of work are very long, from 6 a.m., till 6 p.m., and from 6 p.m., till 6 a.m., an in urgent cases one might be required to work overtime, sometimes twenty-four or more hours in one stretch for which there is no extra remuneration in the case of the Indians who are paid by the month. Besides, in Sakchi there is no provision for pensions, provident fund benefit, sick leave or accident insurance except for American and European labour. Nor have the authorities, after all these years of operation as yet formulated a set of rules for the regulation of the services of the local employees. Everything depends on the whims and caprices of one's superiors.

ARE AMERICANS DESIRABLE.

In conclusion, let me add that Americans are not the right sort of men for India. Most of them, I am told, arrive in India with a strong inborn colour prejudice imbibed in their own country against its large Negro population. As to the mentality of the people of America has not the course of this war afforded us proofs too many? Have we not seen the sorrowful spectacle of a rich and powerful country like America steadfastly refusing to uphold her national dignity, honour and prestige or to protect the lives of her own citizens who have been cruelly done to death by German brutality, simply because she was "too proud to fight"? We see the spectacle of a supposedly democratic country sitting idly by with her soul undisturbed and unmoved. When England and her Allies are engaged in a Titanic struggle for the freedom of mankind and the rights and liberties of humanity against the barbarians of Europe, America has discovered that war is a mighty paying business when waged by others. We know now far too well what America and Americanism stand for, their "get-rich-quick" ideal of life, their extravagant prodigality with others' money, their original standard of business morality and last but not least, their lack of culture and refinement of disdain, amongst the civilived nations I ask you, Sir, if these are the right people to teach the natives of this country that high standard of business integrity and uprightness and that strength of character and moral stamina that have made British commerce, British industry, and British trade honoured and respected all over the world? I ask you again, Sir, if these are the people to be entrusted with the fate and fortunes of this great and pioneer and national industry of India?

Sir, we hear a lot these days of the

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THE TRUTH ABOUT SAKCHI

(Continued from page 11.)

Empire's duties and obligations and the desirability of the Indians being granted a larger measure of self-government and a freer hand in the management of their own country's affairs. How empty and hollow all this talk and agitation seem to appear to an outsider like me when I see that here in an Indian concern, financed entirely by Indians, and run by an Indian firm of Managing Agents and a Board of Directors entirely composed of Indians some of whom, I am given to understand, are considered to be the political leaders of their country, their own countrymen are being excluded from all positions of trust and responsibility and being denied any opportunity to better themselves.

It is not my intention to say that the Tatas or the Board of Directors of the Company are entirely unmindful of the material, moral and even spiritual welfare of their employees. They have provided them with two clubs, (one specially for the foreign labourers and a separate one for the Indians) a racecourse, a church and a cemetry for which the Protestent Christian community of Sakchi are truly grateful, and it is to be hoped that they will also provide a place of wordship for the Roman Catholics of Sakchi who are growing important numerically every day. They have also established a charitable dispensary which is open not only to the *bona-fide* employees of the company but to one and all. The excellent sanitation of Sakchi, its well-kept up streets, recreation grounds, its bazars and its pretty residential cottages, too, all reflect great credit on the Directors and Managing Agents who seem to have taken great pains to make the place a model of this kind in India.

But a casual visitor to Sakchi is apt to be misled by the clean, peaceful and snug appearance of the place that has grown up, one might be tempted to say, like a mushroom overnight out of what was waste and wilderness a few years ago. Not till one tries to go behind all these superficialities and outward signs of prosperity, however, does one begin to suspect that, after all, all is not well with Sakchi. One sees then what autocracy, what aroitrary treatment, and what mental and moral agony are the daily lot of the Indians, especially the educated Indians, in the service of the Tata Iron and Steel Co. They would see then, as I have seen, how the earnest, red-blooded, and vigorous young manhood of India goes about a-begging for one tiny, fair chance to make good in life. But who is there in Sakchi to treat their aims and aspirations with sympathetic understanding and guide their energies and their ambitions into fruitful and useful channels?.

They say that the force of public opinion can do wonders even in India. If the agitation and the demands of the public and the shareholders cannot bring about a more common-sense attitude in the management of this concern then, I say, let the British sense of fairplay and justice step in and put a stop to the American *regime* at Sakchi. Let the Government see to it that here in a British territory and under the protection of the British flag no member of a foreign nation will be allowed to rob the sons of the soil of their birthright or to prevent them from attaining to their legitimate goal of ambition.

GOVERNMENT PROMISSORY NOTES.

SOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT DIFFICULTIES.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

SIMLA, Dec. 21.

The Government of India have had under consideration the question of simplifying the existing practice with regard to acceptance by the Public Debt Office of endorsements on Government promissory notes. Difficulties have in particular been experienced by the holders of Government promissory notes in respect of recognition of endorsements where variations occur in spelling vernacular names. The rigidity of the present practice in this respect proceeds from the requirements of rules under the Indian Securities Act (Act 13 of 1886) which prescribe that the name of the holder of a Government promissory note, as signed by him, must agree letter for letter with the name in the body of the note or in the transference endorsement. In modification of the existing practice, the Government of India now authorises the Public Debt Office to accept differences of spelling where two spellings represent transliterations of one and the same vernacular name and such differences arise merely out of variation in transliteration and there is no reasonable doubt as to the genuineness of such endorsement. The Government of India also decided to introduce the system of optional attestation of endorsements before a Government officer, i.e., they have authorised the Public Debt Office, where a reasonable doubt exists as to the genuinenes of an endorsement, to allow the holder the option of satisfying the Public Debt Office of its genuineness by attestation before a Government officer qualified to take and record evidence.

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ENEMY SUBJECTS ON TRIAL.

ALLEGED FABRICATION OF FALSE EVIDENCE.

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TANJORE, Dec. 20.

The trial has opened here before the Additional District Magistrate of Tanjore of one Venkatachala Iyer of Nidamangalam and Max Wehmeyer and Tinalacker, two German subjects, for cheating, fabrication of false evidence, and putting forward a false claim in a court. Sanction was granted by the local Government for trial in British India of these alleged offences, some of which are said to have been committed in Ceylon.

The facts of the case, as outlined by Mr. E. R. Osborne, Public Prosecutor, are that at the outbreak of war in August 1914, a German firm named Messrs. Schule and Co., with headquarters in Hamburg, was trading in India with the local head office in Calcutta and branches in Rangoon and Nidamangalam. In Calcutta the Managing Director was a Mr. Fischer. Just before the outbreak of war he resigned and the second accused Max Wehmeyer became the Managing Director. The firm imported largely machinery from Germany, especially rice mills and the first accused was their agent at Nidamangalam and sold machinery on commission. The third accused was the engineer of the firm. After the outbreak of the war the s.s. Steinturn of the Hansa Line was interned in Colombo and a Price Court was established to condemn the ship and its cargo as prize of war Goods, belonging to British subjects were allowed to be released on their claim being established to them. Amongst the cargo on board this steamer were 16 cases of machinery consigned by Schule and Co., of Hamburg to Schule and Co., Calcutta. As they were German goods for German owners they had not been released. The prosecution alleged that the three accused entered into a conspiracy to deceive the Attorney-General of Ceylon by fabricating false documents to deliver the goods on a claim put forward by the first accused as a British subject claiming them as his own. Certain documents, invoice and letters were fabricated by the second and third accused to carry out this plot. On application by the first accused that the goods belonged to him the Attorney-General consented to their release. The trick was subsequently discovered.

The trial is proceeding.

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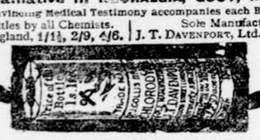

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Terrible stories of the slave drives in Belgium are told to-day by an American business man, who was an eye-witness of the deportation of Belgian workmen. The American described the scenes, in an interview with the London correspondent of the "Chicago Daily News," who has placed the article at the disposal of the British Press.

"Germany," said the American, "intends to deport and to impress into the ranks of her workmen the whole available manhood of Belgium." This man, whose integrity and judgment are esteemed both in Europe and in America, whose name will in due course be communicated, reached London after witnessing the deportation scenes in Belgium, which he describes as "incredible and heartrending."

A QUARTER OF A MILLION SLAVES.

"Already," he continued, "between thirty and forty thousand men have been torn from their homes and forced into cattle trucks for conveyance to Germany. In Germany they will be compelled to choose between aiding the Central Powers in the war or suffering penalties of the severest nature. Many of them will, beyond doubt, refuse to work, regarding such labour as treason to their own country, and will thus land themselves in straits too harrowing to think about.

"Unless Germany can be induced to abandon her present policy, between two and three hundred thousand Belgians will be deported. The American Relief Commission have thrown around a hundred thousand Belgians the protecttion of certificates of employment on relief work, but only a small part of the total population subject to impressment."

HEART-RENDING SCENES.

Naturally, the scenes attending the forcible removal of fathers and sons wring the hardest hearts. I saw one long train of cattle trucks loaded with prospective deportees. Many had resisted, only to feel the German bayonet. Women and children had fought for their menfolk with desperate fierceness, clothes tattered, eyes streaming, and voices screaming and shouting until they were hoarse.

Generally with as little brutality as possible, but always effectually, the Kaiser's soldiers crushed all opposition. Houses were searched by armed men from the cellars to the roofs. No discrimination is made between the employed and the unemployed. Only one object is plainly in view—to obtain the largest possible number of strong hands.

When the train was loaded there were women and children standing about in a huge crowd. Suddenly they ran on to the line in front of the locomotive, and throwing themselves on to the rails, clung there with closed eyes, uttering loud lamentations. Detachments of soldiers prized them loose with bayonets, and forced them to clear the track, when the train moved off towards the German frontier.

THE SPIRIT OF THE FRENCH.

Another distressing feature of the situation in Belgium arises from the forcible importation of Frechmen from the provinces of France occupied by Germany. It appears that the policy of the German Government is to work Belgians in Germany and Frenchmen in Belgium. Incidents of the most painful nature are resulting from the impressment of these Frenchmen. Many of them decline to work, declaring, like the Belgians, that it is intolerable that they should be forced to support the Teutonic war against their own country. In one case some thirty-five Frenchmen, for refusing to work, were tied to trees for twenty-four hours and more. This punishment failed to break their will, and at last they were released, but how can they live? The Germans will not give them a mouthful of food unless they work. The American Relief Commission cannot undertake the feeding of these people because of its rule denying food to all who may be forced to engage in warlike action.

How this will end God only knows. The German authorities have their argument. They assert that the Belgians and French in the occupied territories are degenerating from idleness, and claim that the best thing for them is to be deported and forced to labour for good wages, and so enabled to preserve their own moral character and send money to their families. But this utilitarian argument not only ignores the fact that men steadily employed are deported, but fails also to meet the stubborn difficulty arising from the strong Belgian and French sense of nationality. These spirited people claim that they are asked to bear far worse than pure slavery; they call it slavery plus compulsory active treason.

TYRANNY AT BRUSSELS.

Mr. Leonard Spray, writes as follows in the "Daily Telegraph": On Friday by order of General von Bissing, Governor-General of Belgium, the whole of the members of the Brussels City Council were arrested, and kept in detention for twenty-four hours. The "reason" given by the German authorities for this outrage was that the city officials had refused to supply them with lists of the unemployed. In the interval while the city councillors were "detained," German officials and soldiers, on order of the Governor-General, went to the city municipal offices, and obtained possession of the lists of those men who, being without work, receive monetary relief. Of these there are unhappily a considerable number in Brussels. Many, however, are only on the lists temporarily, but it was realised that the Germans, paying no attention to this fact, would undoubtedly seize the opportunity to deport every man whose name appeared, even though he was only unemployed for a few days, and had an early prospect of obtaining work. I am able to state that no deportations from Brussels had taken place up to Saturday morning, and that the stories published elsewhere of bloodshed having occurred are untrue. But the worst is feared in the Belgian capital, as inevitably the German seizure of the lists of the unemployed is a preliminary to their transport to Germany. Of the members of the municipality, whilst the councillors are free, each alderman, though not in custody, is still under German political police surveillance.

Meantime, elsewhere in Belgium slave driving continues, irrespective of whether the deportees are unemployed or not. The "Telegraaf" reports to-day.

Many civilians are allowed by the Germans to buy themselves off from slavery. Several times it had been noted that some of the deported persons returned, and the reason was not understood. Now, however, we are able to give examples of the existence of a scandalous system of blackmail. Recently, at Clinge, many civilians, not only unemployed receiving public charity, but also some well-to-do citizens, were assembled by the Germans in a school-room. The following day it was announced that those who paid a thousand marks would be set free. Some of them paid the amount demanded. Perhaps the result was not sufficient, for afterwards the sum was reduced to 500 marks. Of course, most of them were unable to pay this amount, while others refused to take this advantage over their poorer companions. Afterwards the men were marched to the station, where a train of goods trucks was ready. Into these trucks, the floors of which were covered with straw, the men were pushed, and as soon as one was filled the door was locked. The others were loaded in the same way. Those outside afterwards heard men in the locked trucks singing the national song, "They shall not tame him, the proud Flemish Lion." From St. Nicholas hundreds of civilians have been taken away. In towns and villages men are carried away in the night, often without the members of their family knowing they had left.

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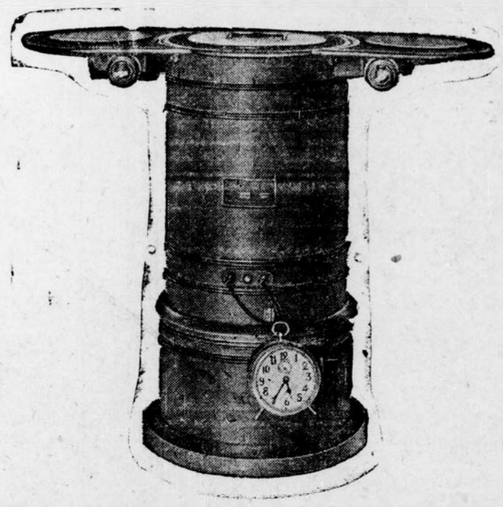

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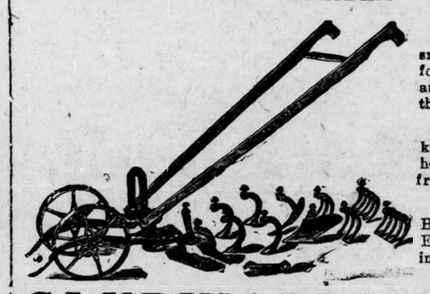

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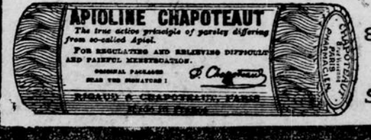
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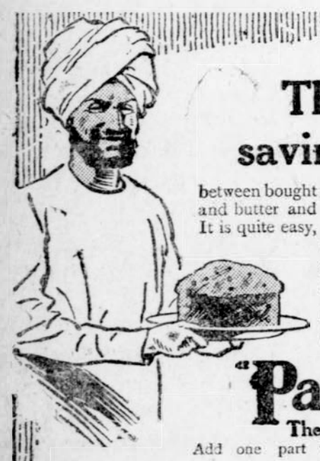

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PRIVY COUNCIL'S DECISION,

NARANJAN SINGH AND ANOTHER *v.* THE KING-EMPEROR—BUDHA SINGH *v.* THE KING EMPEROR.

(*Present: Viscount Haldane, Lord Sumner, Sir John Edge, Mr. Ameer Ali, and Sir Lawrence Jenkins.*)

Their Lordships refused these petitions for special leave to appeal from judgments and sentences pronounced by the Commissioners appointed under the Defence of India (Criminal Law Amendment) Act, 1915, at Fort Dufferin Mandalay.

Mr. Leslie De Gruther, K.C., appeared for the petitioner Budha Singh; and Sir William Garth for the two other petitioners.

The petition of Budha Singh was first heard. It stated that he was a native of the Punjab, but for many years he had carried on business at Bangkok. He left Siam for his native country about the middle of 1912 and did not return to Bangkok till the end of 1914. He was unwell when he came back and did not recover his health for two or three months after his return. In September, 1915, he was arrested at his shop in Bangkok, and after being taken under arrest to Calcutta for identification, he was eventually taken to Mandalay, where he was tried with 16 others before a special tribunal appointed under India Act IV. of 1915, on charges punishable under sections 121 and 121A of the Indian Penal Code.

The petition went on to say that the case for the prosecution was that about 1913 a conspiracy was started among British Indians then resident in America and Canada to subvert British rules in India that a paper called the "Ghadr" (Mutiny) was published in America and was sent from there to India, setting forth the objects of the conspiracy and the means by which they might be attained; that subsequently a number of the conspirators came over in 1914, some to India direct and some to Burma and endeavoured to carry out the objects of the conspiracy and induced others including, it was alleged, the petitioner, to join them.

The charges against the petitioner were:—

(1) That both within and without British India he was a member of a conspiracy to wage war against the King-Emperor, in pursuance of which he (i.) received and distributed the *Ghadr;* (ii.) bought arms for the Ghadr party; and (iii.) collected subscriptions for the Ghadr party, and thereby committed the offence of abetment of waging war, an offence punishable under section 121 of the Indian Penal Code; and.

(2) That in Siam he conspired to wage war against the King-Emperor, and thereby committed an offence under section 121A of the Indian Penal Code.

The trial began on March 8, and judgment was delivered on July 27 last, and the petitioner was found guilty both under section 121 and under section 121A, and was sentenced to transportation for life. The Commissioners found.

(a) that there was no evidence that the petitioner distributed Ghadr literature;

(b) that there was no evidence that he collected any arms except an admission which was said to have been made to one tainted witness upon whose uncorroborated statement they held that it would be unsafe to rely;

(c) that there was evidence of three witnesses that he had collected subscriptions for the Ghadr party, but that one of them was admittedly on bad terms with him, that another was an accomplice and was not corroborated, and that; though there seemed no reason for distrusting the third, if his evidence stood alone it might be unsafe to rely on it; but they held that there was other evidence, which showed that the petitioner was "wholeheartedly one of the party."

The Commissioners held that the evidence of the petitioner's having collected subscriptions for the Ghadr cause should be believed, and that the petitioner had therefore done acts in furtherance of the conspiracy. The petitioner denied the charge, and he asked for special leave to appeal against the conviction and sentence. It was contended on his behalf that there was no evidence whatever that he was a member of the conspiracy.

The petition of Naranjan Singh and Palla Singh stated that they were railway workmen, and were arrested at Chiengmai, Siam, on September 25, 1915, and were taken before the district magistrate and examined. They were afterwards charged before Commissioners sitting at Mandalay, with offences under the Indian Penal Code similar to those indicated in the other petition. Against Naranjan it was alleged that from July, 1915, till his arrest he was a member of a conspiracy to wage war against the King-Emperor. He left Chiengmai for Burma with others with the intention of seducing sepoys from their allegiance, and knew that his party had pistols, ammunition, detonators, and dynamite.

Against Palla it was alleged that he was a member of the same conspiracy, and particularly that he obtained a bundle of pistols for use in it.

They were tried and found guilty, and sentenced to be hanged. They petitioned for special leave to appeal on the grounds that their conviction was obtained through the false and tainted evidence of approvers, and that there was no proof of the existence of the alleged conspiracy or of the charge of seducing sepoys.

Mr. De Gruyther, K.C., and Sir William Garth were heard at length in support of the petition.

Lord Haldane, in delivering judgment, said that their Lordships were of opinion that nothing that had been said by counsel brought the case anywhere nearly within the very limited jurisdiction to which that Board was restricted by the decisions in Dillet's case, the principle of which remained intact. The law of the Constitution precluded that Board from assuming in advising his Majesty, the functions of a Court of Criminal Appeal, and that limitation confined the jurisdiction in criminal cases to a very narrow compass. The result was that these petitions failed, and their Lordships would humbly advice his Majesty accordingly.

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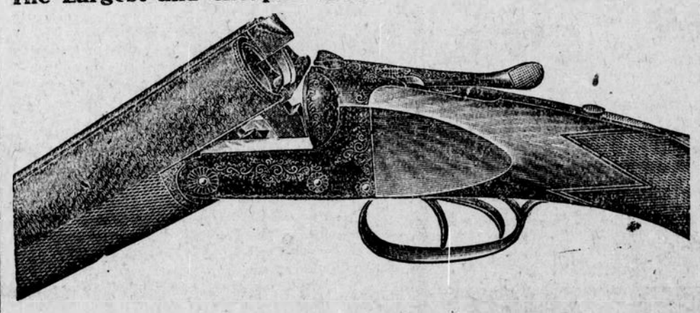

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Second-Lieut G A Lowe, Royal Scots.
Second-Lieut C J H Mouritz, Leinsters.

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Lieut A H T L Speer, Field Artillery.
Second-Lieut W A Wedgwood, Engineers.

WOUNDED.

Second-Lieut C Andrew, Royal Engineers.
Second-Lieut J W Barrow, East Surreys.
Lieut R Brown, Royal Scots.
Captain E I Cloake, Berkshires.
Second-Lieut T J Comerford, Irish Rifles.
Second-Lieut A St D Conder, Yeomanry.
Lieut C Crowther, Engineers.
Second-Lieut R K Duncanson, Highland Light Infantry.
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KILLED.

Second-Lieut H B Murray, Machine Gun Corps, should read Second-Lieut A Murray, Machine Gun Corps.

LONDON, Dec. 13.

KILLED.

Captain L O Crowther, Flying Corps.
Second-Lieut J S Pym, West Surreys.

WOUNDED.

Captain H S A Alexander, Medicals.
Lieut H C Butcher, Dorsets.
Second-Lieut. I P De Villiers, Field Artillery.
Second-Lieut A B Fanstone, Flying Corps.
Captain P T Foyster, Engineers.
Second-Lieut N G Gane, Scots Fusiliers.
Second-Lieut H F Graham, Field Artillery.
Second-Lieut G H C Hirst, Yorks Light Infantry.
Second-Lieut T L McFall, Inniskilling Fusiliers.
Captain G B Macgregor, Medicals.
Second-Lieut N B Masgall, Field Artillery.
Lieut D M Murdoch, Essex Regiment.
Second-Lieut T S Oliver, Durham Light Infantry.
Second-Lieut W J Reinhold, Engineers.
Second-Lieut E Ross, Manchesters.
Lieut-Colonel A L Ward, Honourable Artillery Company.
Lieut G T F White, Engineers.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW MISSING BELIEVED KILLED.

Second-Lieut W G Ainslie, Field Artillery.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED, NOW PRISONER OF WAR.

Second-Lieut R Langley, Yorkshires.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED PRISONERS OF WAR, NOW WOUNDED AND PRISONERS.

Second-Lieut J L Tibbets, Flying Corps.
Second-Lieut H G Taylor, Bedfords.

OFFICIAL CORRECTION.

WOUNDED.

Second-Lieut H Somerscale, Warwickshires, should read Second-Lieut H Summerscale, Warwickshires.

LONDON, Dec. 13.

NAVAL CASUALTIES.

KILLED.

Lieut John R B Farwell, Reserve.
Lieut Edward E Roberts, Reserve.
Flight-Lieut John D Hume, Reserve.
Acting Lieut Harold S Meats, Reserve.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

Commander John Mathias, Reserve.
Flight-Sub-Lieut Stanley V Trapp.

SLIGHTLY INJURED.

Captain Francis S Richards, Marine Artillery.

MISSING.

Lieut Evan Heald, Volunteer Reserve.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW REPORTED KILLED.

Sub-Lieut Charles W R Bradley, Volunteer Reserve.
Sub-Lieut Alexander C Hamilton, Volunteer Reserve.
Sub-Lieut Owen J Hobbs, Volunteer Reserve.
Lieut John W Richards, Marines.
Second-Lieut Henry E R Upham, Marines.

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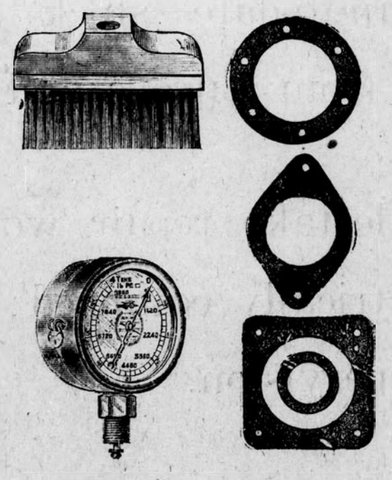

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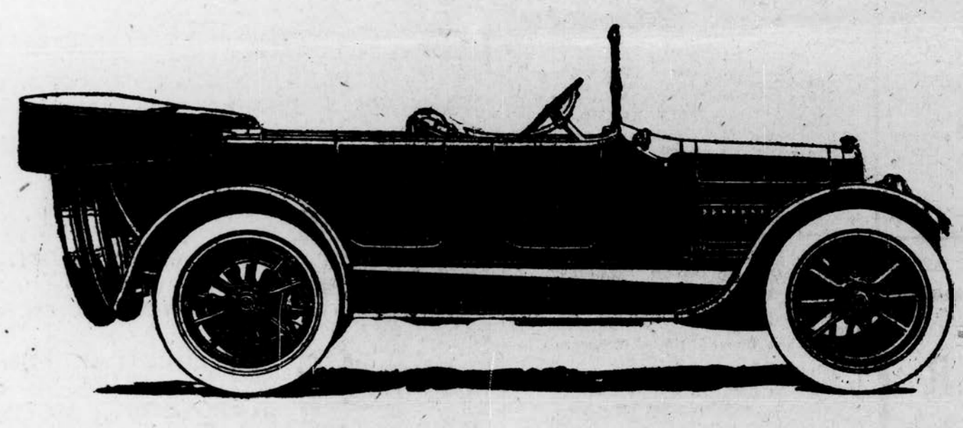

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